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Truck fire interrupts 4th of July festivities in Fennville

By Gari Voss

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July holds plenty of fireworks, but the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2025, in Fennville, MI unveiled an unexpected incident with fire. Brandon Kury of the Smoke'n Joe BBQ Food Truck fame was just leaving the Fennville Family Dollar after serving his delicious BBQ when he smelled electrical smoke. "It was a great day, and I sold out by 4pm. I'm looking around out the windows trying to see what was on fire," shared Kury. Looking at the buildings along Main Street, he saw nothing suspicious. As he passed the BP Gas Station, his truck's cab began filling with smoke. To prevent an incident on Main Street in Fennville, he decided the best idea was to get off the main thoroughfare. "Being right on Main Street in the middle of town was not good, so I punched the gas and got to the middle school parking lot across the street from my house. I jumped out and unhooked the BBQ trailer in record time, jumped back in the truck, and drove it about 40 yards away from everything." After Kury exited the



Brandon Smoke'n Joe Kury thought fast when his truck began filling with smoke after a day of serving BBQ at the Family Dollar in Fennville. Not only did Kury want to get the truck off Main Street in Fennville, but he wanted to unhitch his food truck and pull the truck far away from other vehicles in the Fennville Middle School parking lot. Photo courtesy of Brandon Kury

front door of his truck, he pulled open the back door. "When I opened the back door on the driver side, the whole door panel was on fire. I knew there was a small propane tank that I use with my smoker. I pulled it out then called 911. Within seconds, the entire truck was engulfed in flames." It took the Fennville Fire

Department only minutes to respond, but what Kury did not know was that his son Joey had left some CO2 cartridges for his BB gun, that had not been used in over a year, under the seat or in a pouch of the backseat. These exploded in the heat. "The amazing folks from Fennville Area Fire Department came out and handled

their business like champs," acknowledged Kury. "Thank you to all of you, and sorry to have a fire in the middle of your 4th of July party." What has transpired since the incident has been amazing. Kury and his wife, Becky, rely on the BBQ food truck business, but without a proper vehicle, they would be unable to meet their schedule. On Tuesdays, they set up at the corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue from 11am-6pm. On Thursdays, they are at Fenn Valley Vineyard from 5-7:30pm. On Fridays, they can be found at the Family Dollar from 11am-6pm. On Saturdays, they are at the Lyons Fruit Market at the corner of M-89 and Bluestar Highway from 11am-6pm. In July, Wednesdays will be a private party at Request Foods in Holland for their Employees' Appreciation Month. In addition, Brandon and Becky do work with the homeless in Grand Rapids by taking food up to the homeless park. They feed 200-300 at a time. This is quite a feat for an independent food truck operator. "We believe that the spirit of Christmas should be given 365 days a year," stated

Kury in an interview with NEWS 8. Without the truck, meeting that schedule would be impossible. "We are independent," stated Kury. "My wife and I run the business, and our kids work for us. I have some friends who are letting us borrow trucks until we get something new." Kury acknowledges that

it is a lot of work to prepare his own food. Not only does he make the BBQ, but they have homemade potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, and BBQ baked beans. Though Becky insisted that they take Saturday off, the Smoke'n Joe BBQ truck will be back on the corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue on Tuesday.



Terry Lee Boss

Boss to face second-degree murder charges

A 56-year-old man is facing multiple felonies, including second-degree murder, after hitting and killing a baby with his truck. Terry Lee Boss was arraigned Thursday on charges of Second-Degree Murder, Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death and Reckless Driving Causing Death in connection to the crash. The victim in the crash was 8-month-old Lucia Iris Seifried. The crash happened the evening of Saturday, April 26, on Baseline Road, near Baseline Lake, west of Plainwell in Allegan County.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) said a pickup truck crossed the center line and sideswiped another truck. That collision forced it to careen off the road and into a group of people standing nearby off the roadway. Authorities said Seifried was killed while others were treated at a hospital. After hitting the crowd, the truck rolled, hit a tree and ended up in a shallow area of Baseline Lake. The driver and passenger in the at-fault vehicle were hurt. People in the truck that was sideswiped were not hurt. Police say alcohol and speed played a role in the crash.

Grant awarded developer to revitalize Fennville's hotel

The revitalization of a boutique hotel in Fennville received nearly \$1 million in support from Michigan's Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) program. Steven's Hotel in Fennville was one of two historic hotels in West Michigan that received a combined \$2.5 million in RAP grants, according to a release from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office. Developer Dori DePree is working to transform the former Steven's Hotel at 312 E. Main Street in downtown Fennville into a \$4.8 million, 12,366-square-foot boutique hotel and restaurant.

The new hotel is being built to accommodate the growing agritourism sector in Fennville — which includes Virtue Cider, Palazzolo's Artisan and Crane Orchards — and meet the needs of visitors looking to stay in the community while supporting downtown merchants. "We are thrilled to be working with the MEDC to restore Fennville's iconic historic hotel and bar/restaurant," DePree said in a statement. "The regeneration project will provide new jobs and tourism, boosting the local economy and helping to support Fennville as a premier West Michigan

destination." The two-story hotel will include nine standard rooms and two longer-stay suites, one being a one-bedroom suite and the second a two-bedroom suite. The first floor will include a bar and restaurant, and the lower level will host a speakeasy-style bar, according to a memo from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The building has sat vacant since 2020 after the previous owners closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The restoration of the historic hotel and bar and restaurant includes bringing back many of the

original features dating back to 1910, DePree said. Construction is expected to begin later this summer, and DePree aims to have the hotel open by next summer. The RAP grant adds to other recent MEDC-supported placemaking efforts in Fennville. A crowdfunding campaign through the Public Spaces Community Places program will help transform a vacant lot in downtown Fennville into City Square Park. The new park will include an amphitheater, splash pad and outdoor fireplace, thanks in part to a \$50,000 matching grant from the MEDC.

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By mid-afternoon on Thursday, July 3, 2025, the Allegan Riverfront was filling with visitors, not only to enjoy the Perrigo Splash Pad, but to claim their small piece of acreage in anticipation of the evening fireworks. Photo: G. Voss

# July 4th begins with the July 3rd Jubilee

By Gari Voss

July 4<sup>th</sup> around Allegan really begins with the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Jubilee on the Riverfront. On July 3, 2025, the city of Allegan began filling with people – large and small, young and older. In the late afternoon and early evening, well-versed July 3<sup>rd</sup> Jubilee goers began staking out their areas along the riverfront with blankets and chairs. Many brought picnic lunches or coolers knowing that the dinner hour would come and go before the sun set and the sky would begin to light up. Others took advantage of the eateries and breweries around town or of the food trucks that were allowed on the riverfront or Brady Street.

No matter where one settled, there were the refrains of music from the new Amphitheater in Mahan Park featuring Strum, Dumb and Dumber or the Riverfront Stage featuring In the Grey. Visitors just sat and listened, got up and

danced, or chatted with friends. Food trucks were a definite hit. No matter if one was hungry for an entire meal or just wanted a cool lemonade, some ice cream, or a Kona Ice, there was a line. Brady Street touted the longest lines with twenty to thirty people hoping to get their favorites. As dusk settled around the town, the food lines began to dwindle, and people attempted to find the best view of the river. 10pm approached and the crowd was teased by backyard fireworks over the trees. But the main event did not begin until about 10:20pm. The brighter lights on the food trucks were extinguished, and the sky erupted with light and sound.

Special thanks to Assistant City Manager Parker Johnson, Ryan Burza and their crew for organizing the festivities. Plus, thank you to the many sponsors who assisted with the implementation and associated costs.



Not only did the Riverfront Boardwalk area fill with party-goers for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Jubilee in Allegan, but the newly renovated Mahan Park filled with those enjoying the music of Strum, Dumb and Dumber coming from the new Mahan Amphitheater, dining on the many food offerings along Brady Street, and enjoying friends. Photo: G. Voss



The fireworks began along the Allegan Riverfront on Thursday, July 3, 2025, not as a couple teasers to wake up the crowd, but with earth trembling bangs. Right after the initial jolt, Ooos and Aaahs passed through the crowd that quieted to enjoy and marvel at the display of lights, shapes and sounds. Photo: G. Voss

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The Hopkins 4th of July festivities offered families a grassy area where children could play on the bouncy toys and families could picnic. Photo: G. Voss

# July 4th weekend celebrated across the county

By Gari Voss

Allegan County visitors often focus on the Lake Michigan shoreline and events like Light Up the Lake in South Haven or the Fireworks in Saugatuck or the juried art shows, but the weekend offered far more to visitors and residents who did not want to travel far from home. Taking a peek around the country... The 4th of July weekend in the small communities of Allegan County featured a wonderful variety of entertainment and activities, and this is just the beginning of a summer filled with offerings for the entire family.

**Fennville**  
Thursday, July 3rd, Fennville featured the Kanola Band for their Thursday City Music Hall series in City Square Park. Local restaurants were open for takeout, beverages were available through Fennville’s social district, and concert goers enjoyed the group’s Midwest Roots and New Orleans Soul.

**Hopkins**  
Friday, Hopkins offered festival goers of all ages an opportunity to get out and enjoy fun, food, music, and fireworks during their 4th of July Hometown Celebration. The main square was lined with food vendors, the FAA silent auction, the scouts’ food area and more. The areas were nicely arrayed, but it was the activities that caught the attention of festival goers. The Freedom 5K race may be a favorite of some, but the kids pedal tractor race sponsored by the FAA garnered quite the cheering section and was not outdone by the bed races. The cheerleaders added their energy, and the list of local participants went on with the Kids’ Parade and Communitywide Parade. The judges of the pie baking contest had difficult decisions to make. In the end, they decided that in the Fruit Category: 3rd Place: Kate Fiske with a Strawberry Rhubarb Pie; 2nd Place: Allie Rhodes with a Blueberry Peach Pie, and 1st Place: LaShada Stevens with a Blueberry Pie. In the Cream Category: 3rd Place: Kate

Fiske with a Pumpkin Pie; 2nd Place: Brenda Anderson with a Peanut butter Pie; and 1st Place: LaShada Stevens with a Pineapple Delight. Best of Show went to LaShada Stevens and her Blueberry Pie. By the end of the day, the park became a favorite resting and eating place as Copy Katz performed on the main stage. Once the crowd caught its second wind, they migrated to the school to enjoy the fireworks that culminated a wonderful evening.

**Pullman**  
The activities around the county continued into July 5th. Saugatuck had its 4th of July Parade, Art Show and festivities, but at the end of the day, a place to reenergize was Pullman. The Summer Concert and Food Truck series brought the Live Bait Band to the Pullman Town Square. The quartet shared a variety of familiar hits New Orleans Jazz style. With refreshments offered by Beautify Pullman, the warm evening felt comfortable with the breeze passing through the shelter.

**Allegan**  
Amazingly, after a wild July 3rd Jubilee, Allegan offered their first Good Times at the Gazebo Concert in Mahan Park on the riverfront. The Kalamazoo River furnishes the new amphitheater in the renovated park a wonderful setting for any type of music or theater. On Saturday, July 5th, His Boy Elroy came up from Marshall, MI to delight those gathered to easy-listening, popular and classic rock music hits.



As an extremely busy day in Hopkins began to come to a close, the city park offered wonderful food trucks, the FAA Silent Auction, and Crazy Katz entertaining an audience that followed the shadows of trees. As nightfall set in the crowds found their second wind and congregated at the school to enjoy the fireworks. Photo: G. Voss



The Live Bait shared their New Orleans Jazz with the visitors at the Summer Concert and Food Truck series in Pullman, MI on Sat., July 5, 2025. Photo: G. Voss



His Boy Elroy from Marshall, MI opened the Good Time at the Gazebo series in Allegan on Sat., July 5, 2025. Playing familiar popular and classic rock, the group entertained those gathered. The new amphitheater in Mahan Park is proving to be a wonderful venue to spend time. Photo: G. Voss

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Community Calendar - Week of July 7, 2025

**EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!**  
**Fri., July 11, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin’ on the River – The Bootstrap Boys**  
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan  
**Sat., July 12, 2025, 10am: Heroes and Horsepower**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**Sat., July 12, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – The Guinness Brothers & Jack Dailey**  
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan  
**Sat., July 12, 2025, 7-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks**  
Pullman Town Square 109<sup>th</sup> Ave & 56<sup>th</sup> St.  
**Mon., July 14, 2025: Library Fun**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**2pm: Balloon Animals with Mr. Jim** – All ages can enjoy watching Mr. Jim create colorful animals.  
**6pm: Act Out! With Spike Kunetz** – Learn basic acting skills from a professional actor.

CURRENT EVENTS

**Wed., July 9, 2025: Library Fun**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**2pm: Recess for Adults** – Come and interact with people from the Allegan ARC.  
**6pm: Wiggle Worms Play ‘N Learn** – 0-3 year olds and siblings can drop in for fun and conversation.  
  
**Wed., July 9, 2025, 5-9pm: Music on Main**  
Wayland Downtown Wayland  
Join the fun and wonderful music.  
downtownwayland.com

**Thurs., July 10, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market**  
Water & Cutler Streets Allegan  
Double up food bucks available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge Street.

**Thurs., July 10, 2025: Library Fun**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**10:30am: Preschool Storytime** – children 3-5 are invited to enjoy books and activities.  
**3pm: Messy Munchkins** – Children 0-7 are invited to create mini murals with finger paints.

**Thurs., July 10, 2025, 6-8pm: Eccentric Garden Plant Workshop**  
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan  
Check on workshop details at 269-512-7016.

**Thurs., July 10, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Mulebone**  
City Square Park 116 S. Maple St. Fennville  
Enjoy some traditional blues.

**Fri., July 11, 2025, 1pm: MI Mammals with the Kalamazoo Nature Center**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
All ages can drop in and learn about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

**Fri., July 11, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin’ on the River – The Bootstrap Boys**  
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan  
Enjoy some Country.

**Sat., July 12, 2025, 10am: Heroes and Horsepower**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
All ages can drop in and learn about community service cars and trucks and their drivers. If the weather is inclement, the event will be cancelled.

**Sat., July 12, 2025, 10am-2pm: Macatawa Water Festival**  
Kollen Park 240 Kollen Park Dr. Holland  
Sponsored by the Allegan Conservation District. For additional information, contact [Allegan.Admin@macd.org](mailto:Allegan.Admin@macd.org).

**Sat., July 12, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – The Guinness Brothers & Jack Dailey**  
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan  
Enjoy great classic rock covers.

**Sat., July 12, 2025, 7-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks**  
Pullman Town Square 109<sup>th</sup> Ave & 56<sup>th</sup> St.  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, enjoy Michael & Sophia McIntosh and Hoggs Next Barbeque

**Sat., July 12, 2025, 7-10pm: Todd Michael & Ghost Town Marshalls**  
Sandy Pines Phase I Outdoor Pavilion  
This concert is for members, campers and registered guests.

**Mon., July 14, 2025: Library Fun**

Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**10am: Play Doh Play Lab** – Ages 0-7 can get messy and creative.  
**1pm: Craft & Snack** – All ages can bring their projects and enjoy conversations and light refreshments.  
**2pm: Balloon Animals with Mr. Jim** – All ages can enjoy watching Mr. Jim create colorful animals.  
**6pm: Act Out! With Spike Kunetz** – Learn basic acting skills from a professional actor.

**Mon., July 14, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally**  
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

**Tues., July 15, 2025, 10:30am: Lapsit Storytime**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
Ages 0-2 can drop in to enjoy stories and fun.

**Wed., July 16, 2025: Library Fun**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**2pm: Teen Tie Dye Club** – Students in grades 6-12 can create a wonderful pillowcase.  
**6:30pm: Pub Quiz at Tantrick Brewing** – Begin register teams at 5:30pm then test your knowledge.

**Wed., July 16, 2025, 5-9pm: Music on Main**  
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**Wed., July 16, 2025, 5pm: Fennville Ice Cream Social**  
Across from City Hall 125 S. Maple St. Fennville  
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**Wed., July 16, 2025: Bike Nights**  
Wayland Downtown Wayland  
downtownwayland.com

**Thurs., July 17, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market**  
Water & Cutler Streets Allegan  
Double up food bucks available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge Street.

**Thurs., July 17, 2025: Library Fun**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**10:30am: Preschool Storytime** – Ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities.  
**2pm: Discover 4-H with MSU Extension** – Ages 5-12 can drop in to participate in activities from other countries.  
**6pm: Home Energy Analysis** – Learn to become for energy efficient with Consumers Energy.

**Thurs., July 17, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Wilson Thicket**  
Fennville 116 S. Maple St. Fennville  
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**Fri., July 18, 2025: Library Fun**  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan  
**2pm: Family Fun Festival with the Curious Kids’ Museum** – All ages can drop in for fun with paints, crafts, games, and the giant bubble chamber.  
**6pm: Teen Tech Night** – Teens in grades 6-12 can register at 269 673-4625 to do all things tech.

**Fri., July 18, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin’ on the River – Big Timmy & the Heavy Chevys**  
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan  
Enjoy some R&B & Soul.

**Fri., July 18, 2025, 8:30pm-12:30am: Glow Disc Golf Night**  
First Baptist Church S. M-40 Allegan  
Fun for the family to support the Congregational Kitchen free meals.

**Sat., July 19, 2025, 9am-3pm: Pullman Pride Community Event**  
Pullman 56<sup>th</sup> St. & 109<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Enjoy a day of celebration or community with funds raised for college scholarships for Lee Township youth.

**Sat., July 19, 2025, 11am-2pm: Grand Opening Event**  
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan  
Sponsored by the Allegan Conservation District. For additional information, contact [Allegan.Admin@macd.org](mailto:Allegan.Admin@macd.org).

**Sat., July 19, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – Clarke, Reed & Meadows**  
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan  
Enjoy great folk music.

**Sun., July 20, 2025, 11am: Christmas in July**  
2400 56<sup>th</sup> St. Fennville  
Experience the Magic of Christmas in July!

**Sun., July 20, 2025, Noon: July 2025 Mud Run**  
Bear Swamp Mud run 2293 28<sup>th</sup> St. Allegan  
For more information and to register call (269) 673-8774 or email [bearswampmudrun@hotmail.com](mailto:bearswampmudrun@hotmail.com)

**Mon., July 21, 2025, 3-4:30pm: Grief Support Group**  
Ransom District Library 180 S. Sherwood Ave. Plainwell  
These meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month promote healing and connection. [wings@wingsof-hopehospice.com](mailto:wings@wingsof-hopehospice.com)

**Mon., July 21, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally**  
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

**Tues., July 22, 2025, 1pm: Grief Support Social Luncheon**  
Salvino’s 1290 M89 Plainwell  
These meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month promote healing and connection. [wings@wingsof-hopehospice.com](mailto:wings@wingsof-hopehospice.com)

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**Children’s Book Box – Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Lutheran Church 631 Grand Street Allegan  
Children can find free books in the Book Box constructed by the Sunday School Youth. Check it out.

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**Scouting:** Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.

**Cub Scout Pack 3026:** Grades K-5. Call Cub Master Ron Gunter [ron.f.gunter@gmail.com](mailto:ron.f.gunter@gmail.com)

**Boy Scouts BSA 91 (boys 11-17 yrs.):** Contact Scout Master Rob Keen 269 568-0435, [ecken1112@gmail.com](mailto:ecken1112@gmail.com)

**Girls Troop BSA 191 (girls 11-17):** Contact Sara Keen [sarajkeen@gmail.com](mailto:sarajkeen@gmail.com).

**Senior Fitness/Fit Over 50: Fun fitness designed for ages 50-80plus!**  
Hicks Gym, 311 E Plainwell Street, Plainwell. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9am. Drop in or call Sharrin at 269-330-3204 or email at [denz-girlle@att.net](mailto:denz-girlle@att.net).

**The Fairways:**  
237 Hubbard St. Allegan (269) 655-5890  
Get assistance with accuracy, distance, course management, club selection, or distance control. Work on a simulator, and treat it like a practice session at the course to achieve overall game improvement.

**Tilt 118: Ice Cream, Pinball Machines, Food and More**  
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**ASSISTANCE**  
**Adventist Community Service Center**  
218 S. Farmer St. Otsego Tues. 10am-4pm; Thurs. 1-5pm  
Clothes for the family and household goods are available, layettes for newborns, clothing, diapers, toys, etc. for babies to 6 mo. For emergency needs, call 269 694-4775 or Marlene 269 217-8293. This is supported by the 7<sup>th</sup>-Day Adventist Church and an ACCF TAG Grant.

**Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living**  
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, [www.communityactionallegan.org](http://www.communityactionallegan.org), (269) 673-5472  
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

**Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.**  
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080  
[www.alleganhomelessolutions.org](http://www.alleganhomelessolutions.org), Email: [info@alleganhomelessolutions.org](mailto:info@alleganhomelessolutions.org)

**The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities**  
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841  
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

**Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program**  
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan  
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

**Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance**  
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166

Monday: Drive-thru only - 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm.  
Tuesday: In person shopping/walk ins - 10am-12pm  
Thursday: In person shopping/walk ins - 2pm-5pm  
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**Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More**  
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254  
Open Fridays, 10am – 1pm A wide selection of clothing for all ages is available.

**Grief Support Groups**  
Wings of Hope invites all to a welcoming and compassionate gathering. 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month – 6-7:30pm, Wings of Hope Office, 530 Linn St., Allegan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month – 12:30-2pm, United Methodist Church, 322 Maple St., Hopkins; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month – 3-4:30pm, Ransom District Library, 189 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell; 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., Grief Support Luncheon, 1pm, Salvino’s 1290 M89, Plainwell.

**Love, Inc.**  
Love in the Name of Christ 4621 135<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hamilton  
For assistance with food, personal care items, baby needs, household items, clothing, appliances, furniture, bicycles, laundry, showers & Life Skills Wrap Around Care, call 269 751-2533. Visit [www.loveincnwa.org](http://www.loveincnwa.org), email: [office@loveincnwa.org](mailto:office@loveincnwa.org).

**People Helping People of Pullman**  
Assistance by appt. 269 236-6295

**Safe Harbor Children’s Advocacy Center - Abuse Prevention and Healing**  
404 Sherman St., Allegan, MI 49010 [www.safe-harborcac.org](http://www.safe-harborcac.org), (269) 673-3791

**St. Vincent de Paul-St. Margaret Conference - Food and More**  
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**Sylvia’s Place - Safe from Domestic Violence**  
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**United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, 4 - 6pm  
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

**Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care**  
530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010, [www.wingsofhopehospice.com](http://www.wingsofhopehospice.com), (269) 686-8659

**FOOD**  
**Allegan Food Pantry**  
Church of God, 1313 Lincoln Rd., Allegan  
Monday: 10 am–1pm; Tues.: 2–7pm; Fri. 1–4pm  
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**Christian Neighbors, SE**  
282 12th St. Plainwell 269 685-4166

**Christian Neighbors, Wayland**  
122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

**Congregational Kitchen - Thursday Dinner Pickup**  
Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan  
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Thursdays: Pick up 3 to 5:30 pm. Takeout dinners only during COVID-19

**Epiphany Lutheran Church**  
4219 Park Land Dorr 616 681-0791

**Food Truck - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 4:30 - 5:30pm**  
United Church of Wayland  
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

**The Hands of Grace Food Pantry**  
United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan 269 673-4236  
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.  
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**Hopkins United Methodist Church**  
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**Ladders of Hope USA - Food Assistance**  
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, [www.laddersofhopemi.org](http://www.laddersofhopemi.org), (269) 455-9452

**Martin Area Resource Center**  
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**Martin United Methodist Church**  
969 E. Allegan St. Martin 269 672-7097

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OBITUARIES

Saul Gonzalez, 26

Con profunda tristeza y dolor anunciamos el fallecimiento de Saul Gonzalez, quien perdió trágicamente la vida en Irak el 17 de junio del 2025, mientras servía con orgullo a su país, a la temprana edad de 26 años.

Saul nació el 30 de diciembre del 1998 en Holland, Michigan, hijo de Pauline Zurwalski-Peña y Ruben Gonzalez. Después de graduarse de Bloomingdale High School en el 2017, se enlistó en el Ejército de los Estados Unidos en febrero del 2018. Sirvió con orgullo durante más de siete años.

Durante su servicio, Saul ascendió rápidamente en los rangos al impresionar a sus compañeros y ganarse el respeto de sus superiores. Fue reconocido por su duro trabajo y dedicación, y fue ascendido a Sargento de Estado Mayor mientras estaba desplegado. No solo avanzó en rango, sino también en su carrera profesional, comenzando como mecánico de helicópteros Apache y terminando como inspector técnico. Saul sirvió con honor y valentía, impulsado por un profundo compromiso por el futuro de su familia. Su valor y sacrificio nunca serán olvidados.

Aunque estamos orgullosos del servicio de Saul, él era mucho más que el uniforme que portaba cada día. Desde una edad temprana, todo lo que hacía, lo hacía con orgullo y propósito. Ya fuera para provocar una risa o para ofrecer una mano amiga, siempre tenía un plan. Saul era conocido por su gran sonrisa, su sarcasmo agudo, su risa contagiosa y su carisma encantadora. Era, sin duda, una de las



Saul Gonzalez

personas más graciosas que uno podía conocer.

Cuando no estaba colgado de un helicóptero, en el gimnasio, o bajo el cofre de su querida camioneta, en su tiempo libre era un apasionado de los videojuegos y le encantaba conectarse con sus amigos en línea. También era un experto tirador, amaba sus armas y se esforzaba por perfeccionar su habilidad. Ya fuera con un control en la mano o en el campo de tiro, Saul se dedicaba a sus pasatiempos con la misma pasión y compromiso que mostró en cada parte de su vida.

La familia lo era todo para Saul. Fue un padre dedicado que soñaba con darles a sus hijos una vida llena de oportunidades, amor, y seguridad. Cada sacrificio que hizo, cada decisión que tomó, estuvo guiada por su feroz compromiso por el futuro de su familia.

La historia de Saul y Brandy comenzó en el 2013, pero su vínculo venía desde mucho antes, ya que crecieron como amigos de la infancia. Con los años, esa amistad floreció en amor. Juntos formaron una

familia y tuvieron tres hermosos hijos: Saul Jr. (11), Daniel (8) y Viviana (6).

Saul deja atrás a su madre Pauline Zurwalski-Peña, su padre Ruben Gonzalez, su madrastra Amanda Gonzalez, su padrastro Jorge Luis Peña, su hermano Ruben Gonzalez Jr., y sus hermanas Maria Sustaita, Yolanda Marquez-Gonzalez, Amalia Gonzalez y Ruby Gonzalez.

Fue precedido en la muerte por su bisabuela Annette Zurwalski, su tío Adolfo Gonzalez, y su primo Erick Gonzalez.

Aunque deja un silencio que ninguna palabra puede llenar, su legado vive en cada vida que tocó, en cada libertad que ayudó a proteger y en cada corazón que lleva su memoria. Un héroe no solo por el uniforme que usó, sino por cada papel que desempeñó. Aunque su tiempo con nosotros fue demasiado corto, la memoria de Saul vivirá en cada persona que tuvo la suerte de conocerlo. Se fue, pero nunca será olvidado.

Los servicios para honrar y celebrar la vida de Saul serán los siguientes:

- Velorios: Jueves 10 de julio de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. y viernes 11 de julio de 2:00 p.m. a 4:00 p.m., con un rosario de 4:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. en Chappell Funeral Home, Fennville, Michigan.
- Misa fúnebre en la Iglesia Católica San Felipe de Jesús 5586 117th Ave, Fennville, MI 49408, el sábado 12 de julio de 1 p.m. a 2 p.m. con una hora de visitación previa. Luego, una procesión a la tumba en el cementerio de Lee Township a partir de las 2:30 p.m.

(Diana), sister-in-law Dawn Alfieri (Terry Alfieri); nieces and nephews: Lindsey (Ed) Dilley and their daughters Olivia and Hailey, Lesley (Ryan) Coghill, Ashley (Daniel) Vander Wal and their sons Devin, Baylin, Corbin and Maysin; Lyle Danley, Bryan Alfieri, and other family and friends.

Edna will be remembered as a loving sister, a playful aunt, and a loyal friend. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the American Cancer Society in her name. A memorial will be planned at a future date for family and friends.



Edna Theresa Alfieri

sister Randy Dian Woodall, her brother Victor Alfieri

Edna Theresa Alfieri

Edna Theresa Alfieri, of Allegan, MI and North Port, FL passed away in the early morning on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at her family's home, following a long battle with cancer. Edna grew up in Holland, MI with her parents LeRoy Alfieri and Edna (Empson) Alfieri who preceded her in death along with her older brother Terry Alfieri and nephew Joshua Alfieri.

Edna worked as a CPA. She enjoyed the outdoors, bike riding, swimming, and being politically active. Edna loved raising Champion Yorkshire Terriers. Edna is survived by her

Randy Edward Hughes, 65

With his declining health and struggling with the loss of his son Adam Hughes earlier this year, Randy Edward Hughes passed away peacefully at the Wings Home in Allegan on July 2nd, 2025. He was the youngest born to the late Steven and Connie (Janke) Hughes on February 3rd, 1960.

Randy grew up in Allegan and attended Allegan Public Schools. He was the class clown, always had a great sense of humor and joked his way through life keeping himself and everyone on edge in more ways than one.

His first job was at Gordons Baehre Ford and Mercury. Among many other jobs that he enjoyed scattered throughout the years, he always turned to trucking and spent many years as a driver for various companies and loved to tell stories of his travels on the open road. He later drove a school bus for Allegan Public Schools and often spoke about his routes and bus family. Any time spent behind the wheel (whether trucking, bussing or random drives through the "forest" searching for Bigfoot) was where he found great peace and happiness.

He liked life fast, loud and unusual, often pushing the limits. He loved to fish, hunt, search for morels, NHRA, NASCAR and his '73 Dodge Charger as well as many other classic cars. He enjoyed playing pool and playing the lottery in whatever form. He loved watching westerns



Randy Edward Hughes

and even went to his first day of kindergarten in full cowboy gear. He had a couple of special dogs throughout life that meant a lot to him. Later in life "Catfish" preferred his time "off the grid" and out at the lake with his friends building large bonfires.

Also, later in life his greatest joy came from his family, who he has always been proud of. Surviving are his daughter Amy (Brent) Otte, grandchildren Carlyn (Tony) Otte Hammer, Cheyenne and Cambria Otte, Rylee and Wyatt Hughes and great grandson Hayden Otte. Brothers Dan (Kathy) Hughes, Tom (Cheryl) Hughes, and sister Judy (Ken) Walterhouse. Aunts Beverly Predum, Ruth Thornton, Gloria Janke and Uncles James (Cynthia) Hughes and Lee Hughes, nephews, cousins and special friends.

As mentioned, Randy was preceded in death by his son Adam and parents, as well as brothers Gary Zeran and Steven Hughes,

Saul Gonzalez, 26

It is with deep and profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Saul Gonzalez who tragically lost his life in Iraq, while proudly serving his country on June 17th, 2025, at the young age of 26.

Saul was born on 12-30-1998 to Pauline Zurwalski-Peña and Ruben Gonzalez in Holland, MI. After Saul graduated from Bloomingdale High School in 2017, he went on to enlist in the United States Army in February 2018. He proudly served for over 7 years.

While serving in the Army, Saul easily moved up the ranks by impressing his peers and gaining the respect of his superiors. Saul was recognized for his hard work and dedication being promoted to Staff Sergeant while being deployed. Not only did Saul moved through the ranks but also in his field starting off as an Apache mechanic and ending as a technical inspector. Saul served with honor and bravery driven by a deep commitment to the future life of his family. His courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Although we are proud of Saul's service, he was so much more than the uniform he wore every day! From an early age, everything Saul did was with pride and purpose. Whether it was to gain a laugh or lend a helping hand, he had a plan. Saul was known for his big smile, ruthless sarcasm, contagious laughter, and charming good looks! He was truly one of the funniest people you could meet.



Saul Gonzalez

When you didn't find Saul hanging from a "bird", in the gym, or under the hood of his beloved truck, in his spare time he was an avid gamer who loved connecting with friends online. He was also an expert marksman, who loved his guns and worked hard to perfect his skill. Whether behind a controller or on the range, Saul approached his hobbies with the same passion and dedication that he brought to every part of his life.

Family meant everything to Saul! He was a devoted father who dreamed of giving his children a life full of opportunities, love, and security. Every sacrifice he made, every decision he took, was guided by fierce commitment to his family's future.

Saul and Brandy's story began in 2013, but their bond went back even further growing up as childhood friends. Over the years that friendship blossomed into love. Together they built a family and went on to have three beautiful

children: Saul Jr (11), Daniel (8), and Viviana (6).

Saul is survived by his mother Pauline Zurwalski-Peña, father Ruben Gonzalez, stepmother Amanda Gonzalez, stepfather Jorge Luis Peña, brother Ruben Gonzalez Jr, and sisters Maria Sustaita, Yolanda Marquez-Gonzalez, Amalia Gonzalez, and Ruby Gonzalez.

Saul was pre-deceased by his great grandmother Annette Zurwalski, uncle Adolfo Gonzalez, and cousin Erick Gonzalez.

Though he leaves behind a silence no words can fill, his legacy endures in every life he touched, every freedom he helped protect, and every heart that carries his memory forward. A hero not just in uniform but in every role he held. Thou his time with us was far too short, Saul's memory will live on every person who was lucky enough to meet him. Gone, but not forgotten!

The services to honor and celebrate Saul's life will be as follows:

Visitations- Thursday, July 10th from 5-7 p.m. & Friday, July 11th from 2-4 p.m. with a rosary service from 4-5 p.m. at Chappel Funeral Home in Fennville, MI.

Funeral Mass at San Felipe de Jesus Catholic Church 5586 117th Ave, Fennville, MI 49408, Saturday, July 12th from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. with an hour's visitation beforehand. Then a procession to graveside at Lee Township cemetery starting around 2:30 p.m.

Philip James Sheridan

Philip James Sheridan was born to his parents James and Catherine Sheridan on December 24, 1940, in Mt. Clemens, MI. Phil grew up with older brother John and younger brother Steve in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Phil was a great student and graduated as co-valedictorian, from Ironwood High School in 1958. He graduated from Northwestern in Chicago in 1962 and graduated magna cum laude from the University of San Francisco Law School. He then spent the next five years as an officer in the Navy.

Phil and his first wife, Karen, were married in Hawaii and they happily welcomed their little girl, Shannon. Phil and his family moved to San Francisco, and he began working as a hospital administrator. It was during this time that Philip attended law school. Unfortunately, Karen and Phil ended up separating and divorcing. After completing law school, Phil married his second wife Marty, and they left California to move



Philip James Sheridan

to Allegan, MI. While in Allegan, Jen and John were born to their delighted parents in 1978 and 1979. Phillip and his attorney brother, Steve, opened the Sheridan and Sheridan law offices in Allegan and Douglas, MI.

Phil practiced general law, although he especially enjoyed property law. All of Phil's time was spent practicing law, overseeing his rental property and being a dad to Shannon, Jen and Jon. Regret-

tably Marty and Phil parted ways in 1985. In 1993, Phil and Kathy Mulder married, and he became stepdad to her two sons, Jeff and Mike. Their happiest times were spent vacationing at many national parks.

Phil became semi-retired around 2014; although he continued to work part time at Property Law Solutions, in Holland, MI, in 2020 Philip began to show signs of Frontotemporal Dementia, this insidious, horrific disease took over his life, until his death on June 27, 2025. The loves of Phil's life were his family, the law, politics and University of Michigan Football.

A memorial service for Phil is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at 1pm at Hope Church, 77 West 11th Street Hollan, MI 49423. Rev. Gordon Wiersma will be officiating. Burial will be in Riverside – Saugatuck Cemetery. Arrangements are by Dykstra Funeral Homes – Mulder Chapel. To sign an on-line registry or leave a memory please visit [www.dykstrafuneralhome.com](http://www.dykstrafuneralhome.com)

Graysen S. Haaksma, 18

Graysen died unexpectedly on June 27, 2025. He was born November 23, 2006, in Kalamazoo to Jeffrey and Katee (Loveland) Haaksma. Graysen was a 2025 graduate of Plainwell High School where he was an honor student with a 4.0GPA graduating 11th in his class. He enjoyed treasure hunting, antique shops looking for vintage items; he loved Garfield, frogs and his dogs, especially Bruce. Graysen was kind, thoughtful, quiet and appreciative of all, he had a big heart. His love for music found him finding a song for everything. More than anything he loved his family. Surviving are his mother Katee (Neil) Loveland-Misner and his father Jeff Haaksma all of Plainwell; his brother



Graysen S. Haaksma

Ryker (Makenna) Haaksma of Delton; grandparents, David (Phyllis) Loveland and Terri Misner of Allegan, Andy Haaksma of Burlington and Rose Haaksma of Martin; aunts and uncles,

Hilery, Mike, Shawn, Jeremy and Neil's siblings, Brian and Shawn and great aunt Bea. He was preceded in death by grandmother, Linda 'Meema' Loveland and grandfather Jim Misner. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Winkel Funeral Home, Otsego, with a time of visitation starting at 11:00 A.M. until the service at 1:00 P.M., with Pastor Todd Wagner officiating. The family requests that you dress in bright colors. Contributions in memory of Graysen may be directed to Gryphon Place. Messages of condolence may be posted at [www.WinkelFuneralHome.com](http://www.WinkelFuneralHome.com).

James H Friel, 86

James H Friel of Martin, MI passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at his home.

He was born on August 10th 1938 in South Pittsburg, Tennessee, to Raymond and Adeline (Howard) Friel.

On August 10, 1956, he married the love of his life, Sharon Stoughton. They shared 68 years together.

Jim was known for his kindness & strong work ethic, employee of Allied paper mill for 39 years. He had a love of gardening since childhood, enjoyed visiting with friends and family on the back porch, family reunions, and winters in Arizona.

Jim was a dedicated father



James H Friel

to Cam, Cindy, Dawn, & Brenda. A cherished Grandfather to April, Cameron, Kyle, Jessica, Jeffrey, Wesley, Adam, Clinton, and Bernard, and a loving Grampy

to 15 great grandchildren.

He is survived by 3 sisters, Ruby Brest, Nel Swinsick, Diane Deiwert, and 2 brothers, Tom Nesbitt and Ken Nesbitt.

He was preceded in death by his son Cam, sisters Bebe Thomas, Linda Delmoro, and brother Raymond Friel.

Jim's Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Allegan Wings of Hope Hospice or Allegan County 4H club for Young Gardeners.

To send a message of sympathy to the family, sign Jim's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, please visit: [www.Michigan-Cremation.com](http://www.Michigan-Cremation.com)



# July Fourth event brings in 1,365 people for pancakes

They arrived by car and by motorcycle. They arrived by bike, by tandem, by scooter and by foot. They arrived in the back of a wagon pulled by a tractor. No matter how they got to the Graafschap Fire Department station, 4523 60 th St. on Friday, July 4, 2025, they arrived to share in a 57-year-old tradition of community, gratitude and, of course, pancakes. Lots of pancakes.

“Thank you to everyone that came out to support Friends of the Graafschap Fire Department,” said Graafschap Fire Department Chief Doug Den-Bleyker referring to the new nonprofit group that is now handling the event.

The breakfast is a way to thank the community for its support of the department. Proceeds are donated to several local and regional charities.

Supporting organizations this year include sponsor Lawrence Towing. Biggby Coffee donated the coffee, Dunes View Kwik Shop donated the milk and juice, Prottemp donated the cooler to keep the ingredients fresh, Republic donated the dumpster, Quincy Street Meats donated the sausages, Shoreline Container donated cardboard to keep the floors clean, and West Michigan Uniform made a

cash donation to the event.

The event drew 1,365 people, surpassing last year’s total of 1,325.

Some of the earliest diners came in Spandex as the griddles fired up about 6:30 a.m. Kaden Matt, John Percivail, Jim Carson and Jim Mahaney fueled up on the flapjacks before they started their bike rides to Glenn, South Haven and beyond.

“It’s a tradition,” said Jim Carson.

The Bosworth family of Holland was starting a new tradition, attending their first pancake breakfast at the fire station.

Molly Bosworth held Rhys, 5 months old, as Ehrland helped Isla, 2-and-a-half, with their pancakes. They arrived early as the sun rose to secure a parking spot and because the kids were already awake, Molly said.

Vern Geurink drove the tractor that shuttled dozens of people between Graafschap Church, just up the road, and the fire station.

The pancake breakfast started in 1968 as a way for the Graafschap Civic Club to raise money for a ball field. The fire department took over organizing and running the breakfast in 1991.

The Graafschap Fire



Members of the Graafschap Fire Department serve pancakes to community members at the annual Graafschap Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the fire station, 4523 60 th St. in Laketown Township.

Department serves all of Laketown Township and part of Fillmore Township.



The line stretches down the driveway at the annual Graafschap Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the fire station, 4523 60 th St. in Laketown Township.



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Participants enjoy breakfast at the annual Graafschap Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the fire station, 4523 60 th St. in Laketown Township.

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# Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

As children, if we lived in an area where there were fireflies (in some places they are called “lightning bugs”) dusk was a special time. These insects would begin rising out of the bushes and grasses and we would see them.

This week’s question: Do fireflies still delight you? -Woman at a farm stand on M-89: Looks surprised at first, then smiles, “You ask some strange questions sometimes, but I like this one, so yeah. I hadn’t thought about fireflies for years. And they’re not extinct yet? I’ll have to look for them tonight.”

-Another woman, same location: Laughs. “Every year I get out some quart glass jars and screw on lids, and poke holes in them. My kids used to love catching them. Now it’s their kids. I make them turn them loose at the end of the evening.”

-Man near the Fennville hardware store: “Naw, I haven’t seen them for years. I guess they’re still around, but I got better things to do than look for more bugs. Like, watching the news.”

-Teen age girl near the Fennville grocery store: Looks around and lowers her voice, “Don’t you dare use my name, but I still go out to catch them if no one is around. They’d think I was being silly and I don’t like being teased. Even my folks would think that and judge me.” Big smile. “It’s fun. You ought to try it sometime.”

-Man near the Allegan County Library: “They’re just bugs trying to hook up. It’s the males that got the chemicals to light up.” Pauses, laughs, and adds, “I guess you could say they’re flashers. All of them.”

-Woman, same location: “I teach Sunday school, okay? And I told the children that God made fireflies to light up the night and bring joy to the world. And

that we should learn the lessons from the fireflies and bring joy and light into the world in his name, okay? Nature teaches us all sorts of good things about God.”

-Man near the Huntington Bank: “Back when I was young my family went down to North Carolina. Well, one night we stayed at some little motel out in the sticks, and I was sitting out on the porch about the time the sun went down. All of a sudden, there were fireflies everywhere! I’d never seen more than one or two at a time, but the whole area was full of them. Hadn’t thought of that for years. Thanks.”

-Older woman, same area: “I made a big mistake telling my grandkids that we were so poor that Ma made us go out and catch lightning bugs so we could have some light in the house. Now, they think they ought to do it. I told them they could do it at home because I didn’t want bugs in my place.”



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# Book review: Mailman

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Junk mail, junk mail, advertisement. And two bills.

It’s quiet in your mailbox today but who knows what you’ll get next time. A package? A check, a card from Great Aunt Mary, it’s a surprise every day. And as you’ll learn in the new book “Mailman” by Stephen Starring Grant, you have one workforce to thank.

The call came as a shock-not-shock.

After moving his family to Blacksburg, Virginia to raise his kids in his hometown, Stephen Starring Grant landed a plumb job with a challenging commute, no big deal, just a logistics thing. And so it was, at the very beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, that he stood in a nearly-empty airport in North Carolina, phone in hand, suddenly laid off from his job.

With no income and a dwindling savings account, Grant applied for “anything I

**“Mailman: My Wild Ride Delivering the Mail in Appalachia and Finally Finding Home”**

by Stephen Starring Grant  
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was even remotely qualified for... and there was never a snowball’s chance of me getting any of them.” That was discouraging. Then he learned that the United States Postal Service was hiring.

A short wait to be accepted, two weeks of training, and a huge learning curve later, Grant was an official, sworn-in, real-life USPS mail carrier.

It took months for him to feel comfortable.

Your mail is sorted before the carrier gets it, he says, and then the carrier sorts it again, by house number into a large contraption called a “cage.” Packages go in a “cage.” A mail carrier must remem-

ber one or multiple routes and there is no cheat-sheet, which can complicate a rural route in mountain country. Furthermore, it’s an acrobatic endeavor: in smaller towns around the country, deliveries are often made from a carrier’s private vehicle, from a passenger seat, one leg stretched across the cab.

So many times, Grant thought about quitting. He made mistakes. He was frustrated. He was late getting back to the office. And then suddenly one day, “I had become a mailman.”

We joke. We poke fun at the USPS, complain and switch to bill-paying online. Still, a walk to the box is pure anticipation. It’s a treat to see what’s in that mailbox, and inside “Mailman.”

And yet, all is not smooth.

Though there are many irrelevant asides and chapters that would be more suitable for another kind of book, “Mailman” is funny, profane, but fun to read. Author Stephen Starring Grant is quick

to admit his total befuddlement with his new job, quick to say that he got emotional over it, he easily admits when things got rough and he pokes a lot of fun at himself, which lightens every letter of this story. Part of his problem with the job – and another issue with this book – is the terminology and trying to remember what’s what, and where. Grant admits that he struggled with that, and readers will, too.

Still, most readers will laugh out loud, and they’ll love knowing more about the USPS and its inner workings. If you want an unusual memoir that opens the doors with a behind-the-curtain peek, find “Mailman.” It delivers.

All the books the Bookworm reviews here are available at the sponsor of this column:



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**Real Estate Located at: 743 25th St., Otsego, MI 49078.** Trowbridge Township, Allegan County, Otsego Public School district. Known as Allegan county parcel ID 21-013-004-00 containing 80 acres.

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## NOTICE

The City of Fennville Election Commission will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the Voting Tabulators on July 30 at 12:00pm

As well, you can register to vote at Fennville City Hall from 8:00am-4:30pm M-F, Saturday August 2nd from 8:00am-4:30pm, and until 8pm on Election Day.

Petition Forms are available to pick up to run for both City Commission and Charter Revision Commission at Fennville City Hall. Petitions and Affidavits of Identity are due by July 22nd at 4pm.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Allegan City Board of Review will meet on: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM (Council Chambers)

The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors and hear poverty exemption petitions.

NO VALUATION APPEALS WILL BE HEARD.

By: Lyndsey Shembarger, MMAO Assessor  
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The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the elecon meets the requirements of Michigan elecon law.

Robin Phelps, Ganges Township Clerk  
Rachel Ridley, Casco Township Clerk  
Kathy Blackburn, Lee Township Clerk  
Pan Onken, Clyde Township Clerk

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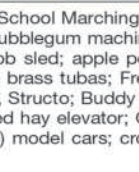
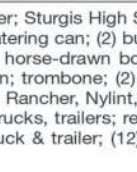
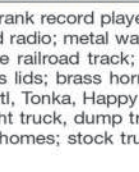
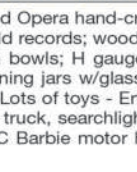
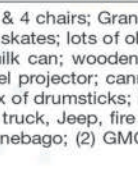
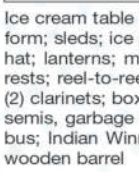
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# Speed Boat runs up on pontoon

By Gari Voss

What began as a leisurely trip around Swan Lake in Cheshire Township, Allegan County turned into a nightmare for Dorothy and Chris Clifton. As the Cliftons were quietly cruising along the north side of the lake at about 8:30pm on July 3, 2025, they saw a speed boat coming up behind them. They waved and yelled in an attempt to attract the attention of the driver. The driver appeared to have his hand shading his eyes from the sun that was low on the horizon above Giles Campground. The boat was not slowing as it ran up the back of the

Clifton’s pontoon. When the Allegan County Police arrived, the driver was not found to be impaired by alcohol. The cause seemed to be strictly related to speed and the angle of the sun that was setting behind the trees of Giles Campground. Guests around the Swan Lake Store heard the crash and witnessed the efforts of the police and the tow team. Extracting the boat from the pontoon turned out to be rather difficult. With the assistance of Scott’s Towing “biggest rig”, the separation was made. The Cliftons made a

short visit to the hospital to deal with soreness and will have some follow up appointments. The amazing fact is that the lake had only one other pontoon on it that evening with a couple fishing boats around the edges. Yet, the

accident happened. There was a passenger in the speed boat, but that person was unable to pick up on the imminent danger. Boat safety is of utmost importance during the summer months.



At right, Thursday, July 3, 2025, brought a scare to Chris and Dorothy Clifton, residents of Swan Lake, as a speed boat climbed up on the back of their pontoon. Speed and the sun appear to be the culprits, and no amount of waving and yelling could stop the trajectory of the boat. Photo: Sylvia Aukeman



Chris and Dorothy Clifton were given quite the fright when a speed boat was headed for them as they cruised on Swan Lake, July 3, 2025. The boat’s pilot seemed to be unable to see because of the sun’s location. Without slowing, it bounced onto the pontoon in which the Cliftons were riding. Photo: Chris Clifton

## NOTICE

The Lee Township Clerk will hold office hours to accept Absentee Voter Ballot requests for the August 5, 2025 Special Election:

Saturday August 2nd 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
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Press Box  
Perspective

By Jason Wesseldyk  
Sports Editor

Rest well,  
Gavin

It's the kind of phone call you never want to receive. My family and I had just left church on Sunday, July 6, and were heading to a playground so my youngest daughter could play with her cousins. When my phone rang, my brother's name popped up on the call ID. "Hello."

"Have you heard?" he asked. I could hear something in his voice, something off. "Heard what?"

"Gavin died." I could literally feel my heart sink in my chest as my mind struggled to comprehend what he'd just said. How could Gavin be gone? I had just seen him a few weeks ago. He was only 42.

I'd known Gavin Snyder for more than 30 years, dating back to when he was an 11-year-old participant at a baseball camp where I was serving as a coach the summer after graduating from high school.

In the years that followed, he became one of my best friends and we shared many good times playing with and against each other in a men's baseball league. That wasn't surprising--Gavin was the kind of person who became friends with pretty much everyone. He was the walking embodiment of the phrase "there are no strangers, just friends I haven't met yet."

He truly was one of the kindest souls I've ever known--always willing to do whatever he could to help someone else.

Gavin had many passions, including music and his relationship with God. But he loved nothing more than sports and working with children, making coaching the perfect role for him. I won't refer to it as a job, because Gavin never looked at coaching as a job. It was his calling, the reason he had been put on this earth.

Gavin coached all kinds of sports, including football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling and soccer. And he loved every second of it. But if you knew Gavin, you knew baseball was his true passion.

I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to coach some travel baseball alongside Gavin and my brother. It was a team that my sons and nephew played on, and Gavin was so excited to share his love and knowledge of the sport.

This was something he didn't have to do. He didn't have a kid on the team. And we sure as heck didn't have any money to pay him, as we ran the team on a shoestring budget. But he was there for five years, showing up for winter practices and spending almost every weekend in the summer at another tournament.

Man, I miss those days.

One of my favorite memories from that time is when Gavin would talk to the boys on the team about his playing days in high school. I swear his batting average got higher each time he told them what it was. (Even though it's impossible, I always figured his average would eventually top 1.000)

As I write these words, it's been two days since I heard of Gavin's passing. And I still can't wrap my head around it.

But I know I'll see him again someday, and we'll have another game of catch.

Until then, brother, rest well--and keep rooting for our Tigers.

Saugatuck names Lewis head volleyball coach

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

Christina Lewis is hoping to bring some stability to the Saugatuck volleyball program.

Lewis, who has 23 years of experience coaching at the sub-varsity level at Saugatuck, was recently named varsity head coach for the Trailblazers.

This marks a return to coaching for Lewis following a two-year hiatus so she could watch her son Cam participate in his fall sports.

Cam Lewis, a member of the Saugatuck High School class of 2025, was a dual-sport standout, starring on the soccer team and as the kicker for the football team.

"After 23 years of coaching at Saugatuck High School, I retired two season ago because I really wanted to focus on Cam's sports," Lewis said. "He graduated this spring and is heading off to K College, so when the opportunity presented itself (to take over as varsity volleyball coach), it felt like a good time to jump back in."

Lewis inherits a program that has been somewhat in flux when it comes to its coaching situation since longtime coach Sherri Austin retired as coach following the 2020 season.

Ross Such took over for Austin and was with the team for the 2021 season and began the 2022 campaign before having to step away due to health reasons.

That brought Austin back to the sidelines, as she finished out the 2022 season and returned for 2023.

Last season, twin sisters Natalie and Morgan Beckman took the reins of the program as co-coaches as they completed their student teaching in the district.

"I'm looking at this season as a great opportunity to rebuild and grow together," Lewis said. "We're fortunate to have some strong upperclassmen returning, and we also have a young group with a lot of potential."

"My hope is to help each player find the role that suits her best while building a team culture centered on working together toward a shared goal."

Natalie Beckman will remain with the team as an assistant coach.

"I had the pleasure of teaching and coaching Natalie--and Morgan--Beckman throughout her high school years at Saugatuck," Lewis said. "So I'm really looking forward to working alongside her as my assistant coach."

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Christina Lewis is seen with her son Cam, who was a member of the boys soccer and football teams at Saugatuck. (Photo provided)

Goddard takes reins of Martin varsity volleyball

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

Shannon Goddard and her family are deeply entrenched in the Martin community.

Just how entrenched, you ask?

Consider this: she's a fourth-generation Martin High School graduate, making her children--Demetrius (class of 2020), Makala (class of 2024) and Kendra (class of 2026)--fifth-generation MHS grads.

Goddard's commitment to the Martin community can be seen by the fact that she has been involved as a coach in the high school and middle school volleyball program for the past 13 years.

And now she is taking over the role as head varsity coach.

"I've been a part of this program for a long time," Goddard said. "I've had two daughters come through Martin athletics. I've seen the importance of great leadership and what it can

do for athletes and young woman.

"Makala plays volleyball at Kalamazoo college now and Kendra will be a senior this year. The open position fell into place at a good time for me. I thought I would be winding down, but this opportunity has lit a new and brighter fire for coaching."

"I love volleyball, these athletes and this community. I'm at a point in my coaching career that I think is best fit for varsity. I've learned a lot over the years. I feel like now is when I can best help the athletes with the sport and with their personal growth."

Goddard inherits the team from Logan Malling, who guided the Clippers to several successful seasons during her tenure with the program and leaves the program in good shape.

Goddard hopes to continue those winning ways.

"I want our program to stay competitive throughout the season," she said. "We've been competitive the last five years in the SAC Conference and the

postseason. We are focused on building the entire program more."

That includes making the sport available to Martin students at a younger age.

"We are bringing back our little spikers program for third-through-sixth graders," Goddard said. "Getting the girls to buy into volleyball at an early age will be important to our continued success at the high school level."

Goddard, a 1999 Martin High School graduate, was part of the first volleyball team in school history to win a district championship.

She began her coaching career with the Clippers in 2013, when she helped out with the seventh-grade team. She later coached at the JV level for 10 years before coaching the eighth-grade squad a year ago.

She has also coached at Next Level Performance.

That amount of coaching experience at various levels has helped Goddard develop her coaching style.

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Shannon Goddard is taking over as varsity volleyball coach at Martin. (Photo provided)

Top Senior Student-Athletes: Hopkins

Zac  
Wierenga

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

For recent Hopkins High School graduate Zac Wierenga, there was nothing like playing under the Friday night lights.

"Football was my favorite sport, for sure," said Wierenga, who was part of the Hopkins football program all four years of his high school career. "It taught me so much about everything in life from grit, patience, fighting and determination."

"I know I'm going to carry that with me into me being a great husband, dad, worker and just person for my future."

Wierenga, a running back and defensive back, helped the Vikings rebound from a 2-7 season his junior year to 6-4 last year, with Hopkins returning to the postseason.

And thanks to Wierenga's hard work on the gridiron--in addition to being a four-year member of the wrestling team and a two-year member of the boys track & field team--he was named Hopkins High School Male Athlete of the Year.

"I loved playing sports at Hopkins," Wierenga said. "Our community is so great. To me, there's nothing like playing sports at Hopkins. The town is so amazing and always supports its athletes."

"There will be other schools with thousands upon thousands of people in their town and Hopkins, our little,



Zac Wierenga is seen running the ball for the Hopkins football team last season. Wierenga helped the Vikings qualify for the playoffs as a senior. (Photo provided)

small town, would be more packed out than any of those huge schools. Our town loves sports and there was nothing better than to get a huge win in front of them."

Wierenga's involvement in sports began at a young age, as he started playing

football at five or six years old.

He was hooked right away.

"I loved just getting involved with new friends and new teammates and learning the sports as best I can

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Ava VanderVeen

By Jason Wesseldyk  
SPORTS EDITOR

Ava VanderVeen feels fortunate to have attended Hopkins High School and to have competed in athletics for the Vikings.

"Growing up in and playing sports at Hopkins has been great," said VanderVeen, a member of the Hopkins class of 2025. "Everyone is very supportive and always there if you need anything."

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Ava VanderVeen



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“I’m particularly grateful to have a community that is willing to rally around women’s sports. I know not every female athlete is supported in the same way we are at Hopkins, and I didn’t take that for granted.”

During her time at Hopkins High School, VanderVeen gave the community plenty to cheer about, as she played basketball and volleyball for four years each and was a member of the track & field team for three years.

For her accomplishments in those sports, VanderVeen was voted

Hopkins High School Female Athlete of the Year.

“It meant a lot,” VanderVeen said of receiving that award.

And while she enjoyed all three of the sports in which she participated in high school, the hardwood was her first love.

“Basketball has always been my favorite sport,” said VanderVeen, who was also part of the Wellness Club and National Honor Society at Hopkins. “I love it because it combines all of the things I love about the other sports.

“Basketball combines the speed and agility that track requires and the communication that volleyball requires. I feel like it encompasses everything I love about sports.”

Having good coaches also helped fuel VanderVeen’s love of basketball. Tim Hibma and Nathaniel DeJong—or Coach Scoob, as VanderVeen called him—were two of those coaches.

“Tim has always been there for me ever since I was little,” VanderVeen said. “His daughter and I grew up playing basketball for him. He is the

reason I fell in love with basketball. While playing for Tim, he pushed me to be the best I could be and never let me put my head down or get upset when I failed.

“Coach Scoob is who made basketball fun for me. He also never let me get down on myself and would always tell me to keep going and driving to the basket.

“Without Coach Scoob and Coach Hibma, I don’t know where I’d be with basketball today.”

VanderVeen started playing sports when she was eight years old. She said sports “allowed me to be myself” and provided a way to make new friends.

She also appreciates the lessons athletics has taught her, such as problem solving, teamwork and adaptability.

In terms of her favorite memories from her playing days at Hopkins High School, VanderVeen listed the Pink Out volleyball games Hopkins played against Allegan each year. The match was used to raise money for cancer research.

She also enjoyed winning the OK Silver championship in volleyball as a sophomore.

“My favorite memory from basketball is making Biggby runs with the team before games and winning conference my sophomore year,” she said. “And my favorite memory from track is winning conference my junior and senior year and town runs with the mid-distance team.”

VanderVeen plans to continue her athletic career at the University of Olivet, where she will be a member of the women’s basketball team. She plans to study exercise science, with a goal of being able to remain involved in the world of athletics.

“My hope is to become an athletic trainer or physical therapist one day,” she said.



Zac Wierenga has fun on the sidelines. (Photo provided)

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throughout the years,” Wierenga said. “I loved sports. They were everything to me.”

As much as Wierenga enjoying winning, sports was about much more than the wins and losses, he said. Rather, it was about pushing yourself to be the best you could be, with a goal of getting a little bit better each day.

“Sports taught me the importance of giving the best you can in everything you do,” he said. “To give a full effort, no matter how you feel.

“Because if you show that you want it and give everything you’ve every day, you will get noticed. That goes with everything in life. Doing something every day that makes you even a little better will lead to a lot of success.”

According to Wierenga, all of the coaches he had at Hopkins helped teach him that lesson.

“Fortunately for me, I had coaches around me that helped me in every aspect that I needed,” he said. “So, all of my coaches helped me become who I am today.”

And while his high school athletic career is now over, Wierenga said the memories he made at Hopkins will never be forgotten. In particular, his senior season of football will always brings a smile to his face.

“We were coming off that 2-7 season as juniors, so me and all of the seniors put in so much work for the entire summer leading up to our senior season,” he said. “We put in the work and made it to playoffs.

“Yes, we lost our last three games, but at a point we were rolling on a 6-1 record and just wanted to play the next team and we made it to the playoffs. So senior year football was my best memory of high school sports.”

Wierenga plans to use the lessons he learned in sports as he pursues a career as an electrician.

“I’m working at Circuit Electric now,” he said. “I’ve been working there for about a year, and I love it. I hope to continue my career in electrical to someday hopefully have my journeyman’s card and maybe even have my own business.”



Ava VanderVeen prepares for the start of play during a basketball game last season. (Photo provided)

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Lewis couldn’t say enough about the job the Beckman sisters did last year in terms of keeping the program moving in a positive direction.

“The Beckmans did a great job continuing the program last year,” she said. “I’m excited to build on the foundation they laid as they both focus on establishing themselves in their teaching careers.”

Lewis began her coaching career at Saugatuck in 2000, when she served as head coach of the freshmen team.

She eventually moved up to the JV squad when Austin took over as head coach at the varsity level.

Lewis cherishes the years she spent coaching with Austin.

“I’ve mainly been at the JV level, mostly because Sherri and I were such a great team,” Lewis said. “With Sherri officially retired and the job open at the right time, it just made sense to move into the varsity role. After being away from coaching these past two years, I’m really look-

ing forward to getting back in the gym.”

Establishing cohesiveness among team members will be a primary focus for Lewis this season.

“My coaching style centers on creating a climate of working together—ath-

letes supporting one another in growing, learning, and improving every day,” she said. “I believe in moving and working as a unified team to accomplish our goals, both on and off the court.

“Saugatuck volleyball has always been big on family, and I intend to build on that already established mindset.”

Lewis hopes the community will come out and support the team this fall.

“I’m hoping fans will see a high-energy, unified team working together for the win,” she said. “I have always told my teams that the loudest team wins, meaning lots of communication and encouragement both on the court and coming from the sidelines. Hopefully fans will feel the energy.”



Christina Lewis



Zac Wierenga

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“I have high expectations of my athletes,” she said. “I love pushing athletes and seeing them grow farther than they thought they could.

“I believe each athlete’s mental, physical and emotional well-being are just as important as their athletic performance. Coaching is so much more than wins and losses.”

And with the start of the 2025 volleyball season drawing ever closer, Goddard hopes the Martin community will come out and support the team.

“Fans can expect an exciting and fun environment,” she said. “They can expect these girls to give it their all every night. They will also get to see the girls building each other up.”

As of now, Martin volleyball is scheduled to open its season on Aug. 26 on the road against Tri-Unity Christian. The first home match is currently scheduled for Sept. 9 against Allegan.

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# Michigan Works! Talent Funds improve workforce skills

By Gari Voss

West MichiganWorks! has been busy reviewing applications and awarding funds to West Michigan businesses that seek to improve their workforce through on-the-job and classroom training programs. The Going PRO Talent Fund announced 2025 Cycle 2 recipients while the Going PRO Talent Fund Employer-Led Collaborative (ELC) award will support collaborative teams comprised of at least two employers, training providers, and other partners that share similar workforce challenges.

The Cycle 2 of Michigan Going PRO workforce awards for 2025 will be supporting 49 businesses in Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Ottawa and other counties. The training support will benefit 1,255 new hires, 301 apprentices, and 411 incumbent workers. The industries affected will be 11 in construction, 13 in healthcare, 24 in manufacturing, and 1 in “other”.

Cycle 2 had no Allegan County applications, but that does not mean Allegan County has not benefitted from this program. 2025 Cycle 1 awardees included 175 awardees with 14 in Allegan County, 2 in Barry, 2 in Ionia, 68 in Kent, 3 in Montcalm, 13 in Muskegon, 41 in Ottawa, and 32 in other counties. That translated to 7 in agribusiness, 39 in construction (mobility, energy, and infrastructure), 33 in healthcare, 8 in IT, 85 in manufacturing,

and 3 in “other”.

What do the Going PRO funds accomplish? In the words of Jacob Maas, chief executive officer, West Michigan Works!, “The Going PRO Talent Fund is a crucial resource for West Michigan employers who are committed to upskilling their workforce and staying competitive in a rapidly evolving economy. These investments help businesses meet immediate talent needs and strengthen our region’s long-term economic resilience by creating opportunities for individuals to grow in high-demand careers.”

Businesses are encouraged to conduct a self-assessment of their employees’ needs that include training for permanent employees and the desire to expand their workforce with skilled new employees. Working with West MI Works! Business Solutions team members, a business can be guided through the application process. (The next application date will be for the funding year (FY) 2026, Cycle 1 awards.)

Once an award is received the business ensures that the training will fulfill a need experienced by the employer, be short-term, and lead to a credential for a skill that is transferable and recognized by the industry. This can be accomplished by classroom or customized training, new employee on-the-job training, or training for U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Registered Apprentices.

Employers are compensated up to \$2,000 per person or \$3,500 per USDOL apprenticeship. There may be additional compensation for employees with disabilities, veterans, or older employees.

The key is that employers must be able to define the training needs then work with Michigan Works Agencies (MWA) and other partners to develop an appropriate, realistic training plan that includes the employer’s roles and responsibilities. In addition, the business must provide cash or in-kind contributions to support the training program and use Pure Michigan Talent Connect (MiTalent.org) and Michigan Works! to recruit for job openings.

Adam Russo shared, “Koops, Inc., Perrigo, Parker Hannifin, and Trans-Matic Manufacturing were awarded Going Pro Talent Fund awards in 2025 Cycle 1.”

These funds were extremely valuable. “Training and development were provided through these resources that have equipped our team members with information and skills that they can use in their daily roles,” reported Tricia Zondervan, the Senior HR Business Partner with Trans-matic. “This sets them up for future career growth. These grant dollars also gave additional team members the ability to attend classes and training that would not have been available due to the expense to the company. We do plan to apply for Going

PRO funds in the future if they are available and we are eligible.”

In addition to the Going PRO Talent Fund, the Michigan Department of Labor offers Going PRO Employer-Led Collaboratives (ECLs) that bring together a minimum of two employers, education and training institutions, workforce development organizations, and other applicable partners. The collaborative develops training and education solutions to fill identified talent gaps that can solve common or shared workforce problems.

Unlike the Going PRO Talent Funds, the Collaborative Fund applications are accepted and approved only until the Going Pro set aside funds are exhausted.

The value in these funds is that the collaborative articulates the shared issues and agrees on a solution that includes formal, organized classroom training and expected outcomes. The classroom training may be substituted with on the job training if it is a USDOL Registered Apprenticeship program.

Thus far in FY2025, \$73,860 has been awarded to nonprofits through the Going PRO Talent Fund’s Employer-Led Collaborative. The SOURCE is working with Kent School Services Network, Family Promise of West Michigan, and Heart of West Michigan United Way to support leadership and professional development for their staff members.

The four nonprofits serve Kent County and surrounding areas and share aligned missions to support underserved and economically disadvantaged individuals and families. The nonprofits struggle with workforce challenges that include reduced federal funding, economic uncertainty, high turnover, and dependence on philanthropic donations. Thus, the collaborative will receive funds for classroom training from Human Solutions and Frontline Training Solutions.

“Challenges like tightening budgets and increasing service demands are becoming more prevalent across the nonprofit sec-

tor,” said Angie Barksdale, COO, West Michigan Works!. “Collaborative training empowers organizations to build internal capacity, support staff development, and ultimately enhance the services they deliver to the community.”

This is the time for businesses or groups of businesses and training centers to begin working with a West Mi Works! representative to determine eligibility for training funds for FY2026. For additional information go to <https://www.westmiworks.org/employers/going-pro-talent-fund/> and call (269) 686-5079.

## Hot n Now to build in Wayland Twp

Hot ‘n Now is officially returning to West Michigan this summer.

Gun Lake Investments, alongside business owner and developer Jeff Konczak, announced Tuesday that the once-popular fast food chain is making a comeback this summer with a new location across from the Gun Lake Casino at 1146 129th Ave, near US-131 in Wayland Township.

On the Hot ‘n Now menu will be items like the olive burger and cheesy taters, alongside “wallet-friendly prices.”

“The Hot ‘n Now brand has a multi-decade history of providing value to families, so we intend to honor that history in this next chapter with our hyper-value focused pricing,” GLI CEO Monica King said in the release.

Konczak’s company, B Cubed Manufacturing, is assembling the drive-thru buildings with a “plug

The once-popular Hot ‘n Now first got its start in 1984 in Kalamazoo. It saw success with locations across the country until the 1990s. After changing ownership several times, it filed for bankruptcy in 2004.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Four Days of Political Headlines

Dear Editor:

The Pentagon through orders of the present Trump Administration banned the following normal celebrations:

1. Black history month
2. Juneteenth
3. Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
4. National American Indian Heritage Month
5. LGBTQ Pride Month
6. Women's History Month
7. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
8. Holocaust Remembrance Day

It did not stop the country from celebrating these events, but the Pentagon did not honor them.

A couple disturbing things that belittles national leadership. President Trump used the F-bomb while addressing reporters. Is this Presidential? Vice-President JD Vance flipping the middle finger at a crowd instead of answering a normal question. He did not answer the question.

June 30th News Headlines

1. Trump melts down over CNN's Abby Phillips. Phillips answered politely about Trump's rage with six words after Trump trashed Phillips saying the audiences have left CNN--they are all LOSERS.

"Thank you for watching Mr. President" He would not answer a direct question on Tariffs.

2. Trump called Zohran Mamdani a "communist" after his successful campaign running for New York City mayor. Trump criticized him because he is citing income inequality across America.
3. Trump said "The reason we do coal is because I can call it clean, beautiful coal that everybody wants". I do not want windmills, they destroy the environment. Renewable energy is for suckers and quoted the wind is bull -----.
4. Under Trump's urging the DHS dropped another counterterrorism program. What does the administration want more terrorism in the country.
5. Encouraged AG Bondi to merge the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) and the DEA.
6. Trump to cut hurricane forecasters out of key satellite data. I guess hurricanes are not a problem.
7. Trump's comments on Japan, come make your cars in the U.S. and get a very low tax rate, however, the vast majority of Japanese cars sold in the U.S. are built in the U.S. so the threat of a 25% tariff is meaningless. Also he

referred to the Prime Minister as Mr. Japan showing a derogatory tone. It was obvious that Mr. Trump talks nonsense to sound powerful, but actually shows his immense weakness.

8. Trump claimed obliteration of Iran's ability to produce nuclear weapons. Rafaei Grossi, head of the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, disputed that claim. Grossi's said there was some major damage, but Iran could have in a matter of months centrifuges spinning and producing enriched uranium. Rafaei Grossi has no reason to fabricate information that is not true. Again ego getting in the way of truthfulness.

June 1st News Headlines

1. USAID cuts causing staggering numbers of avoidable deaths.
2. Trump's new bill would turn the U.S. into "A Police State"
3. Trump's new attack on Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell. Used a Sharpie Scrawl--Signs of Broken Brains. Do not adapt to this insanity.
4. Trump and Musk trade late night threats against each other. Do you like this out of a Commander-In- Chief?

5. Trump's DOJ prioritizing denaturalization efforts of NYC mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani and others. Trump says the Supreme Court gives him that power. Trump already has labeled any critic as the "enemy within", has framed peaceful demonstrators as accomplices to terrorism and has declared his ambition to deport American citizens to foreign prisons.

6. Trump told the White House Faith Office to forget about the separation of church and state.
7. Mike Johnson in a speech is quoted saying government needs to be ruled by Christian theology only.

June 2nd News Headlines

1. Trump and Republicans cheering legislation that takes \$930 billion from Medicaid. This will particularly hurt children in foster care.
2. Non-partisan study showed price increases, layoffs, hiring freezes, and lower profit margins as a result of Tariff increases. This analysis was done by JP Morgan Chase Institute. The following companies are not investing as a result of Trump's Tariffs: Amazon, Costco, Walmart, and Williams-Sonoma. When Trump was asked about this

matter he responded "everything is going well" without answering the question.

3. Trump Administration withholds weapons promised to Ukraine as Russian forces gain more territory. What country does the U.S. support?
4. Trump urges more states to open ICE detention sites similar to Florida's "Alligator Alcatraz" In other words concentration camps.
- 5 Looking into the legality of deporting Elon Musk because he does not support the so called "Big Beautiful Bill". This is the same person Trump put in charge of U.S. finances and U.S. policies.

June 3rd News Headlines

1. The so called "Big Beautiful Bill" provides a \$2 billion tax break for gun silencers, but cut SNAP benefits (averages \$2 per person per meal).
2. Sen. Lisa Murkowski voted yes after a carve out exception for her state. If the bill is so good a carve out would not be needed. Sen. Murkowski thumbed her nose to the rest of the country. What a selfish stance. Her carve illustrated how terrible and weak the bill represents. Most of the carve out is a delay of two years, and her state will still be hurt

by the bill.

3. Taxes for people making less than \$50,000 will see an increase, and Elon Musk and people close to his wealth will see a huge tax break. Sickening!
4. Trump made a sadistic joke about alligators eating immigrants. Are you still proud of the Commander-In-Chief?
5. GOP Rep. Norman claims Medicaid cuts in Trump's bill is righting a wrong. Rep. Norman does not believe poor people deserve health care. My hope is Rep. Norman gets voted out of office.

Post Script

Three Senate Republicans voted against the bill by voting their conscience (Rand Paul, Thom Tillis, and Susan Collins).

The 4th of July greeting from President Trump quote "I hate all Democrats" We no longer have a President of the United States. What we have is a President of those who like me or pretend they like me. It was the most unpatriotic address I can remember, and brought shame to our country.

Mark Austin Hopkins

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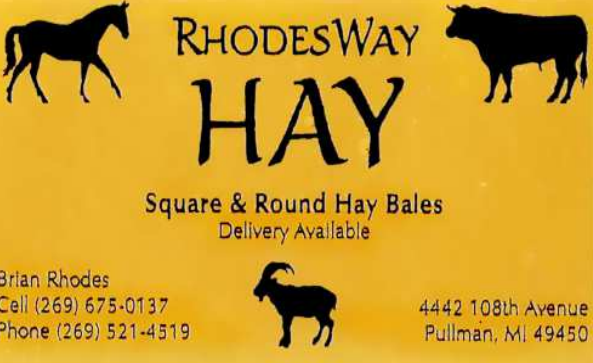
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For The Record

PEEK AT THE PAST

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

**July 10, 1950**  
**Parking meters ‘paying off’:** City employees have sorted out some \$15,765.11 from assorted chewing gum, slugs, buttons, keys, paper and other oddments found in the coin boxes of Allegan’s business district parking meters during the first year of operation. Deputy Treasurer Robert Hoyt last week added up the first year’s take and reported that it was a little better than expected. About \$4,000 is unpaid on the \$11,718 cost of the meters. Maintenance and installation has so far amounted to \$1,200 and a county and coin-sorting machine came to \$500. A balance of \$6,753 in the fund is specially earmarked for construction of off-the-street parking facilities along the river in the back of Hubbard Street. The area has been surveyed and City Manager Beauvais is roughing out plans for the project.

**July 10, 1975**  
**Vander Jagt says Allegan turnout ‘fairly**

**typical’:** Ninth District Congressman Guy Vander Jagt (R-Luther) paid a non-election-year visit to Allegan County Monday, but the turnout, aside from a luncheon at Ot-Well-Egan County Club, was something less than enthusiastic. Three persons showed up at the County Building in Allegan for Vander Jagt’s scheduled appearance at 1 p.m., in what Vander Jagt said was a “fairly typical” showing. The veteran congressman said the results are usually the same when he sends his field representative, Jim Gibson, on bi-monthly tours of the counties he represents, but he said they “keep trying” to make themselves available to their constituents. One local resident who did show up asked Vander Jagt if he could explain discrepancies in her Railroad Retirement and Social Security payments; another person asked about aviation rights over his property; while a third, a government employee, discussed funding for his department.

**July 13, 2000**  
**Harry Potter comes to town!:** The craze over J.K. Rowling’s ad-



Ninth District Republican Congressman Guy Vander Jagt of Luther spoke to a "larger than average" gathering of county political and Republican officials during a "Dutch-treat" lunch at Ot-Well-Egan Country Club near Allegan at noon Monday. Vander Jagt was in the county for a whirlwind, seven-stop visit with constituents.

—News & Gazette photo

olescent book character Harry Potter reached a pinnacle last weekend with the release of book number four, “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,” at midnight Saturday, July 7. Many Allegan County librarians still have holds on the three older books in the series. “All of our Harry Potter books are out,” said

Teresa Stannard, director of Ransom District Library in Plainwell. “And we have about five copies of each of the three other titles, and eight copies of the new one.” Stannard ordered five copies originally, but when her order hadn’t arrived, she purchased three from the bookstore—just in case. “Everything is going very smoothly now,” she said.

In libraries around the country, the demand is high for everything Harry Potter. In Otsego, parents are purchasing the books because more than one family member is reading it, said children’s librarian Brenda Morris. “Brothers and sisters and parents are all reading it,” she said. Most libraries in the county confine check-out of the newest books to two weeks, with no renewal if others are waiting. That gives area adolescents some serious incentive to finish the 750-plus pages of book number four.

**July 9, 2020**  
**Bids sought: courthouse entrance, sally port:** Work to renovate part of the Allegan County courthouse could begin yet this year. The county is now in the process of seeking bids on the estimated \$1.3 million project which would construct a new, central entrance to the building, add a two-bay sally port for law enforcement to load and unload jail inmates for their court appearances, and renovation of the internal holding cells. County executive director of operations Steve Sedore said the

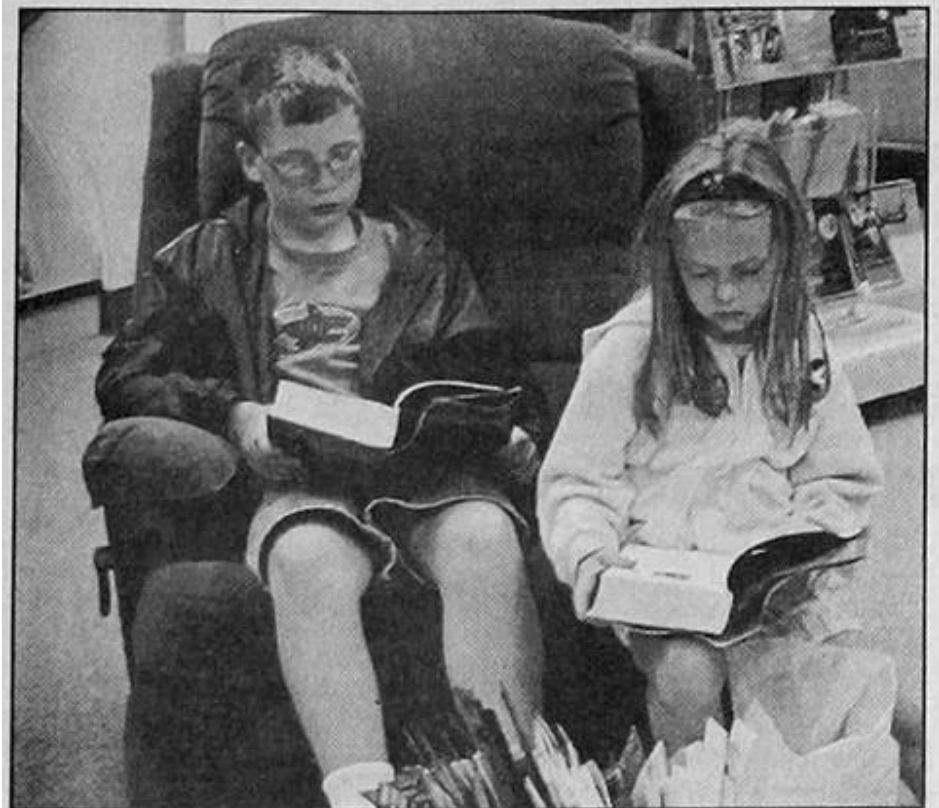
work meets the goals set out by the county commissioners last summer. “We’ve been through lots of discussions with the committee stakeholders, had site visits and looked at all elements of this project,” Sedore said. Commissioner Rick Cain, who also served on the committee shepherding the design phase of the project, said it was ready.

“People have put a lot of work in to this at this point,” Cain said. “We’d had a lot of input, and we’re ready to go and move forward.” County commissioners voted 6-1 at their June 26 meeting to approve the project’s request for proposals. Commissioner Max Thiele dissented.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk



The artist rendering of changes planned for the Allegan County courthouse show the new, central entrance and the addition of the two-bay sally port for law enforcement at the far left. (Image provided)



On Saturday at Books, Coffee and Friends in Allegan, these youngsters from Chicago spent the better part of a rainy morning reading the fourth Harry Potter book, “Goblet of Fire,” which was released at midnight, July 7. (Photo provided)

DEATHS

**June 16, 2025**  
**GERALD L VERBERKMOES,** 95, Wayland Twp.  
**June 18, 2025**  
**PATRICIA JEAN JENKINS,** 82, Allegan Twp.  
**June 20, 2025**  
**RICKI KAE EASTMAN,** 78, Lee Twp.  
**June 21, 2025**  
**TY ALAN FOOTE,** 50, Hopkins Twp.  
**June 23, 2025**

**JACOB SYBO SYBESMA,** 94, Gun Plain Twp.  
**KAREN LYNN LESMAN,** 61, Lee Twp.  
**LARRY ERWIN BOGSETH JR,** 50, Fennville  
**June 24, 2025**  
**ROSE ANN KONING,** 86, Holland  
**June 26, 2025**  
**JUDITH ANN BALLINGER,** 77, Holland

MARRIAGES

The following people applied for a marriage license between June 24 and July 2:

**KYLEIGH NIKOLE HAL-BLAUB,** Caledonia, and **AARON MICHAEL MULDER,** Caledonis  
**JUSTIN AARON WOLBRINK,** Hopkins, and **MALLORIE LOUISE CAMPBELL,** Hopkins  
**DARRELL WOODROW PENDERGRASS,** Pullman, and **CONNIE LYNN JONES,** Pullman  
**BRYCE ANDREW JIPPING,** Byron Center, and **JOSIE MAE**

**VANDERZWAAG,** Hamilton  
**JOSLIN ELIZABETH GODOURICH,** Allegan, and **JASON FRANKLIN SENTERS JR,** Allegan  
**ROBERT DALE TRUAX SR,** Fennville, and **KAY YVONNE TENBRINK,** ZELIENOPLE, PA  
**DOMINIC RYAN MALOTT,** Plainwell, and **KATHERINE ANNE MCKINNEY,** Plainwell  
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(See Solution Page B7)

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. 50 percent
- 5. Records electric currents
- 8. Charlize Theron flick ‘Flux’
- 12. More frosty
- 14. Disfigure
- 15. Sky color
- 16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
- 18. Actress de Armas
- 19. Spend time in a relaxed way
- 20. California peak
- 21. Lodging option
- 22. Small amount of a thing
- 23. Expresses sorrow
- 26. Keeps an ear warm
- 30. Babies (Spanish)
- 31. A conceited and self-centered person
- 32. No seats available
- 33. Pouches

- 34. Hip joints
- 39. A place to bathe
- 42. Evading
- 44. Minute, one-celled unit
- 46. Losing one’s hair
- 47. A country in W Africa
- 49. One point north of northeast
- 50. Pointed end of a pen
- 51. Extreme
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Doctors’ group
- 58. Member of U.S. Navy
- 59. Mens’ fashion accessories
- 60. A way to allow
- 61. Gloomy
- 62. Grads wear one
- 63. Between south and southeast
- 64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Snakes do it
- 2. Hormone
- 3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
- 4. Fixed charges
- 5. Electronic communication
- 6. Artilleries
- 7. ‘Strangers on a Train’ actor Farley
- 8. Burning
- 9. Makes ecstatically happy
- 10. Greek liqueurs
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. Someone who takes vengeance
- 17. Style of cuisine
- 24. Select
- 25. Immunized against disease
- 26. Old world, new
- 27. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 28. Court case: \_\_\_ v. \_\_\_

Wade

- 29. Supervises interstate commerce
- 35. Not divisible by two
- 36. Twelve
- 37. Commentator Coulter
- 38. Encourage
- 40. Plumbing fixtures
- 41. Early
- 42. One point north of due east
- 43. King of Thebes
- 44. Short-tailed martens
- 45. Impose a penalty on
- 47. Consort of Poseidon
- 48. A way to lessen
- 49. Brooklyn hoops team
- 52. Female of a horse
- 53. Do as one is told
- 54. A way to prepare meat
- 55. Unit of measurement



PUBLIC NOTICES

**FORECLOSURE NOTICE** Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, July 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Christopher Menzel and Toni Menzel, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for BM Real Estate Services, Inc., its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2022, and recorded on February 23, 2022, in Liber 4732, Page 874, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 03, 2025 and recorded June 04, 2025 in Liber 5038, Page 945, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 20/100 (\$250,532.20) including interest at the rate of 4.25000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 18, Summit Estates, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2060, Page 216, and Amendments thereto, Allegan County Records, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 146, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed, and Amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 167 SUMMIT DRIVE, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 19, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00051-1 (06-19)(07-10)

**SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE** - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Sean E. Reilly and Megan Reilly, a husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 22, 2016 Recorded on January 11, 2017, Liber 4104, on Page 359, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three and 65/100 Dollars (\$231,193.65) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 883.04 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID NORTH LINE, 200.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 617.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 92.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY 107.42 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF FARMVIEW DRIVE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 626.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER THE SOUTH 10.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 43.00 FEET THEREOF, SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "X", AND A PRIVATE WALKWAY AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "Y" AND AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "Z". SCHEDULE "X" DESCRIPTION: AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, 66.00 FEET WIDE OVER THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 572.21 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SAID CENTERLINE, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 49.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 208.90 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 350.00 FOOT

RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS SOUTH 73 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 205.81 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 208.71 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 350.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS SOUTH 73 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 205.63 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 106.92 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 223.31 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 750.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS NORTH 80 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 222.49 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 223.31 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 750.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS NORTH 80 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 222.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 92.95 FEET TO REFERENCE POINT "A" AND THE POINT OF ENDING FOR SAID CENTERLINE. ALSO A DRIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER A 20.00 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND IN THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT AFORESAID REFERENCE POINT "A", THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING FOR SAID CENTERLINE. ALSO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER A 60.00 FOOT RADIUS TURNAROUND, THE CENTER POINT BEING THE AFORESAID REFERENCE POINT "A". SCHEDULE "Y" DESCRIPTION: A PRIVATE EASEMENT FOR WALKWAY OVER THE SOUTH 95.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 128.00 FEET OF THE EAST 1250.88 FEET OF THE WEST 1283.88 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST. SCHEDULE "Z" DESCRIPTION: AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE OVER THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 33.00 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 33.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 95.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BEELINE ROAD (66.00 FEET WIDE); THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 450.85 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 14.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 122.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 52.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 247.90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 142.34 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 1250.06 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 144TH AVENUE (66.00 FEET WIDE) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 6177 Farmview Dr, Holland, MI 49423 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1564944 (06-19)(07-10)

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your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1564946 (06-19)(07-10)

**SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE** - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Shanni K. Kidder, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Top Flite Financial, Inc. Date of mortgage: June 12, 2024 Recorded on June 13, 2024, Liber 4950, on Page 95, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 83/100 Dollars (\$152,698.83) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: PARCEL 1 COMMENCING AT A POINT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/8 LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST END THE CENTERLINE OF THE SO-CALLED GUN MARSH ROAD, AS A PLACE OF COMMENCEMENT; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE, 320 FEET; THENCE DIRECTLY WEST TO THE CENTER OF SAID SO-CALLED GUN MARSH ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD TO POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 36, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 1328.28 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 36 TO THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 203.13 FEET ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST, 89.24 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 124.77 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, 36.56 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST, 109.04 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 2 PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 36, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 1328.28 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 36 TO THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 203.13 FEET ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST, 89.24 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST, 85.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 01 SECOND WEST, 25.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 1217 Marsh Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1565443 (06-26)(07-17)

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THENCE EAST 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH 300 FEET TO THE PLACE OF COMMENCEMENT. Commonly known as 5314 124th Ave, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Bank of America, N.A. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1565441 (06-26)(07-17)

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement  
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Douglas Miller, an unmarried man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None  
Date of Mortgage: February 2, 2017  
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 3, 2017  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$27,769.99  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 19 and 20 of West Sunset Acres Plat, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats on Page 2.  
Common street address (if any): 529 Sherman St, Allegan, MI 49010-1452  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: July 3, 2025  
Trott Law, P.C.  
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515  
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(07-03)(07-24)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement  
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on 8/21/2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Kameron Christian Daugherty and Steven Daugherty. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for New American Funding, LLC. Date of mortgage: 1/12/2024. Mortgage recorded on 1/29/2024 as Document No. 2024001149, in Liber 4917, Page 236. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New American Funding, LLC. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$351,409.90 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF CASCO. THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST. Commonly known as 596 66th St, South Haven, MI 49090. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 07/10/2025. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-25-00210 (07-10)(07-31)

**SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE** - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): KEVIN L. EICHLER AND ANNETTE R. EICHLER HUSBAND AND WIFE Original Mortgagee: GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION Date of mortgage: April 10, 1997 Recorded on April 29, 1997, Liber 1639, on Page 163, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded on June 18, 2024 in Document No. 2024008991 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, as successor to Firststar Trust Company, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1997-5 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Seven and 62/100 Dollars (\$32,387.62) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, VALLLEY TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11' 25" EAST ALONG THE EAST-WEST QUARTER LINE 1006.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11' 25" EAST ALONG THE EAST-WEST QUARTER LINE 306.04 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 04' 50" WEST ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE 1314.40 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 10" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH 1/8 LINE 304.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 01' 35" EAST 1313.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 4353 118th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 12 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, as successor to Firststar Trust Company, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1997-5 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1566027 (07-03)(07-24)

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the Allegan County Courthouse, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. on August 7, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the County Register of Deeds Office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.  
Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ARW HOLDINGS, LLC, 3147 57th Street, Fennville, MI 49408 ("Mortgagor") to JEFFERSON/MILLARD GROUP, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, 1042 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, dated April 4, 2023 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, on April 20, 2023, at Instrument No. 2023005725 and assigned to ERICH SPECKIN, 3533 NW 83rd Way, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 ("Mortgagee"), pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage, dated April 25, 2023, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, on July 10, 2023, at Instrument No. 2023009898. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Three and 31/100 dollars (\$394,303.31).  
The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Manlius, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, described as follows:  
The Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 36, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, Except the East 20 acres thereof, except any portion thereof taken, deemed or used for highway purposes.  
4880 126th Avenue, Fennville, MI 49408  
Parcel Number: 14-036-002-00  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
TO ALL PURCHASERS: The Mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.  
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.  
Dated: July 10, 2025  
Erich Speckin, Mortgagee  
Michael F. Matheson  
Matheson Law Firm  
200 Woodland Pass, Suite F  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
(517) 993-6699  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
7-10 7-31

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Trust Estate  
File No.  
Decedent: Joanne Davis Tucker Date of Birth: July 7, 1933  
TO ALL CREDITORS: \*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Joanne Davis Tucker, who lived at 5948 122 Avenue, Allegan, Michigan 49408 died April 17, 2025. There is no probate estate.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against JOANNE DAVIS TUCKER or THE JOANNE DAVIS TUCKER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JANUARY 14, 1997, will be forever barred unless presented to ELIZABETH HADLEY, the named successor trustee, within 4 months of the date of the publication of this notice.  
July 2, 2025  
Jordan W. Bush P 70201  
Hedge Life Law  
4123 Embassy Drive SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
(616) 348-7100  
Elizabeth Hadley  
4939 Big Bass Drive  
Hudsonville, MI 49426  
(616) 204-4939

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
ALLEGAN COUNTY  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
CASE No. 25-65639-DE and JUDGE Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010  
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250  
Estate of ROBERT LEE KLINGE Date of Birth: JULY 11, 1947  
TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROBERT LEE KLINGE, died FEBRUARY 7, 2025.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PHIL WINSLOW, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 121 WABASIS POINTE DR NW, GREENVILLE, MI 48828 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
JUNE 27, 2025  
LOUISE "ELLIE" JOHNSON P61338  
146 MONROE CENTER NW, STE 406  
GRAN RAPIDS, MI 49503  
616-634-5618  
PHIL WINSLOW  
9121 WABASIS POINTE DR. NW  
GREENVILLE, MI 48838  
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
ALLEGAN COUNTY  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
CASE NO. 2025-65668-DE and  
JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater  
Court address 113 Chestnut Street,  
Allegan, MI 49010  
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250  
Estate of Stacey Erin Workman Date  
of Birth:"September 10, 1969  
TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The  
decendent, Stacey Erin Workman , died  
May 17, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified  
that all claims against the estate will  
be forever barred unless presented to  
Laura Renee Workman , personal repre-  
sentative, or to both the probate court at  
113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010  
and the personal representative within  
4 months after the date of publication of  
this notice.  
Cunningham Dalman, P.C.  
Jessica Arends P75919  
321 Settlers Road  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 392-1821  
Laura Renee Workman  
4569 McDonald Drive Overlook  
Address  
Stillwater, MN 55082  
(314) 326-6932

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DIVISION  
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY  
ALLEGAN COUNTY  
PUBLICATION OF HEARING  
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Alle-  
gan, MI 49010  
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS  
241 HUBBARD STREET  
ALLEGAN, MI 49010  
IN THE MATTER OF: PARKER  
ALLEN  
CASE NO. 25-70268-NA PETITION  
NO.  
A hearing regarding PUTATIVE  
FATHER HEARING will be conducted  
by the court on AUGUST 7, 2025 at

2:00 PM in FAMILY COURT HEARING  
ROOM B before REFEREE MOLLY  
SCHIKORA. You have the right to an  
attorney and the right to a trial by a  
judge or jury.  
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that  
ANY UNKNOWN FATHER personally  
appear before the court at the time and  
place stated above. This hearing may  
result in the Termination of your parental  
rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI  
49010, Family Division.  
Dated: 7/1/25  
Judge Jolene A. Clearwater (P74848)

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
ALLEGAN COUNTY  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE  
Court address 113 Chestnut Street,  
Allegan, MI 49010  
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250  
Estate of Charles D. Klies (AKA  
Charles D. Kleis) Date of Birth:"Febru-  
ary 24, 1951  
TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The dec-  
edent, Charles D. Klies (AKA Charles D.  
Kleis) , died April 13, 2025.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified  
that all claims against the estate will  
be forever barred unless presented to Chad  
Aaron Kleis, personal representative,  
or to both the probate court at 113  
Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and  
the personal representative within 4  
months after the date of publication of  
this notice.  
7/1/25  
West Michigan Law  
Adam Zuverink P67631  
96 W 15th Street, Suite 301  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 834-0262  
Chad Aaron Kleis  
5694 Jamaill Drive NE  
Belmont, MI 49306  
(616) 745-9084

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (spec-  
ify non-custodial parent's name here, if  
applicable)  
whose address is unknown and  
whose interest in the matter may be  
barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: RAMON MANUEL  
HERRERA has filed a petition for name  
change.  
A name change hearing will be held  
on MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025 AT 9:00  
A.M. at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM  
before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater  
P74848 , to change the name of:  
RAMON MANUEL HERRERA to  
RAMON MANUEL RUIZ-GARCIA

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
ALLEGAN COUNTY  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
CASE NO. 25-65706-DE and JUDGE  
Court address 113 Chestnut Street,  
Allegan, MI 49010  
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250  
Estate of Aaron Christian Fenrich,  
Deceased Date of Birth:"07-28-1968  
TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The  
decendent, Aaron Christian Fenrich, died  
03-11-2025.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified  
that all claims against the estate will  
be forever barred unless presented to  
Arthur Julius Fenrich, personal repre-  
sentative, or to both the probate court at  
113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010  
and the personal representative within  
4 months after the date of publication of  
this notice.  
7-1-2025  
Christopher T. Antkowiak P59448  
416 Hubbard Street  
Allegan, MI 49010  
(269)673-8468  
Arthur Julius Fenrich  
3389 57th Street  
Hamilton, MI 49419  
269-941-3969

Attention homeowner: If you are  
a military service member on active  
duty, if your period of active duty has  
concluded less than 90 days ago, or if  
you have been ordered to active duty,  
please contact the attorney for the party  
foreclosing the mortgage at the tele-  
phone number stated in this notice.  
Notice of foreclosure by advertise-  
ment. Notice is given under section  
3212 of the revised judicature act of  
1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that

the following mortgage will be foreclosed  
by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or  
some part of them, at a public auction  
sale to the highest bidder for cash or ca-  
shier's check at the place of holding the  
circuit court in Allegan County, starting  
promptly at 9:00 AM on AUGUST 21,  
2025. The amount due on the mortgage  
may be greater on the day of the sale.  
Placing the highest bid at the sale does  
not automatically entitle the purchaser to  
free and clear ownership of the property.  
A potential purchaser is encouraged to  
contact the county register of deeds  
office or a title insurance company,  
either of which may charge a fee for this  
information.  
Default has been made in the  
conditions of a mortgage made by  
Dallas Dickson, an unmarried man and  
Samantha Tilma, an unmarried woman,  
as joint, to Mortgage Electronic Regis-  
tration Systems, Inc., as nominee for  
Caliber Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee,  
dated July 2, 2021 and recorded July  
13, 2021 in Liber 4644, Page 194 Al-  
legan County Records, Michigan. Said  
mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC  
d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing,  
by assignment. There is claimed to be  
due at the date hereof the sum of Two  
Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Two  
Hundred Forty-Five and 7/100 Dollars  
(\$234,245.07).  
Under the power of sale contained  
in said mortgage and the statute in  
such case made and provided, notice is  
hereby given that said mortgage will be  
foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged  
premises, or some part of them, at  
public venue at the place of holding the  
circuit court within Allegan County, Mich-  
igan at 9:00 AM on AUGUST 21, 2025.  
Said premises are located in the  
Township of Cheshire, Allegan County  
Michigan, and are described as:  
THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF  
THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SEC-  
TION 23, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE  
14 WEST.  
3840 104th Avenue, Allegan, Michi-  
gan 49010  
The redemption period shall be 6  
months from the date of such sale,  
unless determined abandoned in accor-  
dance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which  
case the redemption period shall be 30  
days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure  
sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the  
borrower will be held responsible to  
the person who buys the property at  
the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the  
mortgage holder for damage to the prop-  
erty during the redemption period.  
Dated: July 10, 2025  
File No. 25-008989  
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC  
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver  
Road, Troy MI 48064  
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400  
(07-10)(07-31)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE  
- ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclo-  
sure by Advertisment. Notice is given  
under section 3212 of the revised judi-  
cature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL  
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gaged premises, or some part of them,  
at a public auction sale to the highest  
bidder for cash or cashier's check at the  
place of holding the circuit court in Al-  
legan County, starting promptly at 9:00  
AM, on August 21, 2025. The amount  
due on the mortgage may be greater on  
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ownership of the property. A potential  
purchaser is encouraged to contact the  
county register of deeds office or a title  
insurance company, either of which may  
charge a fee for this information. MORT-  
GAGE: Mortgagor(s): Joshua David  
Raak, married man Original Mortgagee:  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys-  
tems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee  
for lender and lender's successors and  
assigns Date of mortgage: May 14, 2021  
Recorded on May 19, 2021, Liber 4621,  
on Page 315, Foreclosing Assignee  
(if any): CrossCountry Mortgage,  
LLC Amount claimed to be due at the  
date hereof: Two Hundred Thirty-One  
Thousand Nine Hundred and 31/100  
Dollars (\$231,900.31) Mortgaged prem-  
ises: Situated in Allegan County, and  
described as: The West 215 feet of the  
East 515 feet of the North 530 feet of  
the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town  
4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Town-  
ship, Allegan County, Michigan, more  
particularly described as: Beginning at  
the Northwest corner of the East 515

feet of the North 530 feet of the South-  
west 1/4 of Section 16 and being South  
89 degrees 19 minutes 28 seconds East  
2132.30 feet from the West 1/4 corner  
of Section 16; thence proceeding on  
the East and West 1/4 line of Section  
16, South 89 degrees 19 minutes 28  
seconds East 215.00 feet to the East  
line of the West 215 feet of the East  
515 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section  
16; thence on said East line, South 00  
degrees 18 minutes 44 seconds West  
530.01 feet to the South line of the North  
530 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section  
16; thence on said South line, North 89  
degrees 19 minutes 28 seconds West  
215.00 feet to the West line of the East  
515 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of Section  
16; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes  
44 seconds East 530.01 feet to the point  
of beginning. Commonly known as 3114  
143rd Ave, Dorr, MI 49323 The redem-  
ption period will be 6 months from the  
date of such sale, unless abandoned under  
MCL 600.3241a, in which case the re-  
demption period will be 30 days from the  
date of such sale, or 15 days from the  
MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is  
later; or unless extinguished pursuant to  
MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced  
property is sold at a foreclosure sale  
under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961,  
under MCL 600.3278, the borrower  
will be held responsible to the person  
who buys the property at the mortgage  
foreclosure sale or to the mortgage  
holder for damaging the property  
during the redemption period. Attention  
homeowner: If you are a military service  
member on active duty, if your period of  
active duty has concluded less than 90  
days ago, or if you have been ordered to  
active duty, please contact the attorney  
for the party foreclosing the mortgage  
at the telephone number stated in this  
notice. CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC  
Mortgagee/Assignee Schneideman  
& Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr,  
Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
248.539.7400  
1566496  
(07-10)(07-31)

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### Sale

Yard SALE- Fri July 11, Sat  
July 12, 10 to 4, antiques,  
collectibles, mid-century,  
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56 Wiley Rd, Douglas, be-  
tween Blue Star and Waters  
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In the fifth chapter of his letter to the Galatians, St Paul wrote about the dangers of the ‘fruits of the flesh’ and promotes or encourages their positive counterparts, the ‘fruits of the spirit.’ It is obvious to us all, that it is St Paul’s desire that we would live by the latter and avoid the former.

Those who live by the fruits of the flesh, he warns us, will not inherit the Kingdom. I am sure that most of us immediately think of eternal life in heaven with Jesus, and so we should. After all, books such as Revelation devote considerable space to discussing this subject, warning us about the importance of our choices.

To be honest, I do not want to wait until sometime in the future to experience the goodness of God’s kingdom. Nor can I see any reason why we are not allowed to at least sample it while we are alive today. I want to live and move into a place today, and as long as I am here, where patience and gentleness prevail, where people work intentionally hard to avoid quarrelling with one another or picking a fight, a place where they are aware of the importance of caring for others.

Nowhere in the Bible that directly states we will not

or may not experience this paradise here on earth. To live in a place where the fruits of the spirit are emphasized and promoted, is to truly come alive and flourish. It is also a place where we are mutually supportive so everyone can feel joy. It

is the right way, the Christ-like way, to live.

It takes discipline and self-control, probably a lot of self-control, because never has it been so difficult as it is now. Perhaps it is because the world is getting nastier;

perhaps it is because the news and social media notices every bad example we can find and publishes it. Perhaps it is because bullying and viciousness and name-calling are becoming increasingly acceptable. Kindness and good behavior seem to

be a weakness.

You and I can never change the entire world, but we are responsible for ourselves, and for living into those instructions about the fruits and the spirit while avoiding the things of the flesh. Some are easier than others are. Right now, for example, it is incredibly easy to get angry or quarrelsome because it is something we hear and see so often, both in real time and on social media. Sometimes it comes in odd little ways.

For example, recently there has been some discussion about restoring the Defense Department back to its original name - the War Department. The name was changed in the late 1940s when President Truman thought it sent the wrong message to the rest of the world, that the US wanted to make war instead of defend freedom and peace. We wanted to defend our country, not wage a series of wars around the rest of the world.

I write that, not as a political commentary, but how even small gestures and words, in all areas of life, can have great impact on promoting or tearing down the Kingdom of God.

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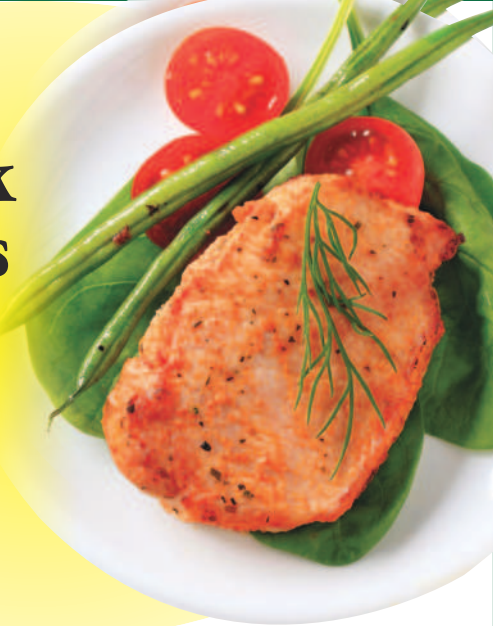


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Save at least  
50¢



Fresh Baked  
**Blueberry  
Pie**

8-inch

**\$7.99**

Save at least  
\$1.00



Select Varieties  
**Fresh Baked  
Muffins**

4 ct.

**\$4.99**

Save at least  
\$1.00



Take & Bake  
**Izzio  
San Francisco  
Sourdough Bread**

16 oz.

**\$5.99**

Save at least  
\$1.00







# USDA Certified Tender

Rib-Eye Steak • Rib-Eye Roast • New York Strip Loin Roast • Beef Tenderloin  
New York Strip Steak • T-Bone Steak • Porterhouse Steak

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Mix or Match  
Village Market,  
All Natural, Fresh

## Pork Strips

Regular or BBQ

BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG.  
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

# FREE!



Village Market,  
All Natural, Fresh

## Pork Steak

Regular, BBQ, Thin, Thick,  
Boneless or Stuffed

BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG.  
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

# FREE!

Tender Ridge Choice Angus

## Boneless Beef Sirloin Tip Steak



# \$8.99

lb.

Village Market,  
All Natural, Fresh

## Boneless Pork Tenderloin



# \$3.49

lb.



Village Market  
Certified Fresh

## Ground Beef

3 lb. or more pkg.

Certified Fresh  
Ground Beef  
from Sirloin  
3 lb. or more pkg.

# \$6.99

lb.

# \$5.49

lb.



Village Market, Fresh

## Ground Beef Burger Patties

Family Pack

Ground Beef Sirloin Burger Patties Family Pack

# \$7.49

lb.

# \$5.99

lb.

Tender Ridge Choice Angus,  
Previously Frozen

## Semi-Boneless Beef Rib Eye Steak

Family Pack



# \$14.99

lb.

Grade A,  
Previously Frozen

## Split Chicken Breast



# \$2.49

lb.

## Butcher Shoppe Specialties

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh

### Bacon Pork Link Sausage

Family Pack

# \$3.99

lb.



Village Market, Store Made Select Varieties

### Bulk Italian Pork Sausage

# \$3.29

lb.



Village Market, Store Made

### Brats

Jalapeno, Apple, Spinach Mushroom or Blueberry

# \$3.99

lb.



Village Market, Store Made

### Ground Sirloin Seasoned Club Burgers

# \$7.99

lb.



Select Varieties

### Bob Evans Frozen Links, Patties or Roll Sausage

12 - 16 oz.

# \$3.99



Select Varieties

### Smithfield Bacon

22 - 24 oz.

# \$8.99



Select Varieties

### Land O'Frost DeliShaved Lunch Meat

7.5 - 9 oz.

# 2/\$5



Select Varieties

### Bob Evans Family Size Sides or Entrées

28 - 32 oz.

# \$4.99



Select Varieties

### Kentucky Legend Quarter Sliced Ham

# \$5.99

lb.



Select Varieties

### Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Lunch Meat

15 - 16 oz. (excludes beef)

# \$9.99



## tasty seafood



Fresh

## Walleye Fillets

# \$13.99

lb.



### Superior Lobster Mac 'N Cheese

Homestyle or Gourmet  
14 oz.

Peeled & Deveined

### Our Family Raw Shrimp

31 - 40 ct., 16 oz.

# \$5.99

\$7.49

Peeled & Deveined, Tail-On

### Our Family Cooked Shrimp

41 - 50 ct., 16 oz.

# \$8.99



### AquaStar Peppered Salmon Side

1.25 lb.

# \$13.99



# 4/\$5 Sale



**Mac-A-Roni**  
Creamy Cheddar or  
Creamy White Cheddar  
5.9 oz.

4/\$5

**Hunt's  
Best Ever  
Ketchup**  
14 oz.

4/\$5



Select Varieties  
**Snack Pack  
Pudding  
or Gelatin**  
4 pk.

4/\$5



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Marshmallows**  
10 - 10.5 oz.

4/\$5



Select Varieties  
**Gulden's  
Mustard**  
12 oz.

4/\$5



**Our Family  
Ripe Pitted  
Sliced Olives**  
3.8 oz.

4/\$5



**Our Family  
Pork & Beans**  
16 oz.

4/\$5



Select Varieties  
**BodyArmor  
Drinks**  
16 oz.

4/\$5



Select Varieties  
**Dannon or  
Too Good  
Yogurt**  
4.5 - 7 oz.

4/\$5



# P&G

Select Varieties  
**Dawn  
Powerwash,  
Platinum or  
EZ Squeeze  
Dish Soap**  
16 - 24.3 oz.

\$4.99



Select Varieties  
**Luv's  
Diapers**  
Regular or Platinum  
54 - 100 ct.

\$19.49



Select Varieties  
**Puffs  
Facial Tissues**  
Plus or Ultra  
3 - 4 ct. pkg.

\$5.99



Select Varieties  
**Bounce or Gain  
Dryer Sheets**  
240 ct.

\$10.99

Select Varieties  
**Gain  
Fabric Enhancer,  
Aroma Boost or  
Liquid Detergent**  
(88 - 100 oz.) or Flings (31 ct.)

\$10.99



Select Varieties  
**Bounty  
Paper Towel**  
6 ct.

\$13.99



Select Varieties  
**Charmin  
Ultra  
Toilet Paper**  
6 - 9 ct.

\$12.99



# Pet Sale



Select Varieties  
**Meow Mix  
Cat Food**  
14.2 - 16 lb.

\$18.99



**Meow Mix  
Original  
Choice  
Dry Cat Food**  
6.3 lb.

\$9.99



Select Varieties  
**Meow Mix  
Cat Food**  
3 - 3.15 lb.

\$5.99



Select Varieties  
**Friskies  
Cat Food**  
16 lb.

\$15.99



**Pure Harmony  
Beef &  
Brown Rice  
Dog Food**  
16 lb.

\$19.99



Select Varieties  
**Purina One  
Dog Food**  
13 oz.

2/\$5



Select Varieties  
**Paws  
Scoop  
Cat Litter**  
10 - 20 lb.

\$7.99



**Paws  
Multi Cat  
Scented  
Cat Litter**  
20 lb.

\$5.99





savings - selection - service - quality - value



Assorted Varieties  
**Pepsi Products**  
(12 pk., 12 oz. cans)  
(plus deposit) or  
**Gatorade Sports Drinks**  
(8 pk., 20 oz. btl.)

**\$6.99**  
Save at least \$2.00 on 1



Select Varieties  
**Utz Pretzels**  
12 - 16 oz.

Select Varieties  
**Pringles**  
Regular Size  
Potato Crisps  
4.9 - 5.57 oz.

**2/\$6**  
Save at least \$3.58 on 2



Assorted Varieties  
**Coke Products**  
6 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.  
(plus deposit)

**2/\$11**  
Save at least \$2.48 on 2



Assorted Varieties  
**Coke Products**  
6 pk., 7.5 oz. sleek mini cans  
(plus deposit)

**\$4.99**



**Our Family Apple Cider or Juice**  
64 oz.

**2/\$5**  
Save at least \$1.48 on 2



Select Varieties  
**Ruffles Potato Chips**  
(7.25 - 8.5 oz.) or  
**Doritos Tortilla Chips**  
(9 - 10.75 oz.)

**2/\$8**  
Save at least \$2.44 on 2



Assorted Varieties  
**7-Up mini Products**  
10 pk., 7.5 oz. cans  
(plus deposit)

**2/\$10**  
Save at least \$4.48 on 2



**Coors:** Banquet or Light,  
**Miller:** Genuine Draft or Lite  
(20 pk., 12 oz. btl.) or  
**Milwaukee's Best:** Light or Ice or  
**Keystone Light**  
(30 pk., 12 oz. cans) (plus deposit)

**\$18.99**



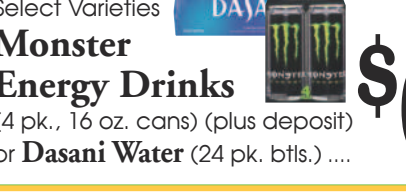
Select Varieties  
**Nabisco Family Size Cookies or Snack Crackers**  
11.78 - 20.5 oz.

**\$4.99**  
Save at least \$1.00 on 1



Assorted Varieties  
**Bubly Sparkling Water**  
(8 pk., 12 oz. cans) (plus deposit) or  
**Gatorade Sports Drinks** (6 pk. btl.)

**2/\$8**



**Glacéau SmartWater**  
Alkaline or Antioxidant  
1 liter btl.

**2/\$4**



Select Varieties  
**Mike's Hard Beverages**  
6 pk. btl. (plus deposit)

**\$9.99**



Select Varieties  
**Little Debbie Mini Muffins or Brownies**  
8.44 - 9.75 oz.

**2/\$5**

Select Varieties  
**Snapple Drinks**  
6 pk., 16 oz. btl.

**\$3.99**



Select Varieties  
**Aunt Millie's Artisan, Hearth or Deli Buns**  
6 - 8 ct.

**2/\$6**  
Save at least \$1.48 on 2



Select Varieties  
**General Mills Large Size Cereal**  
12 - 16.8 oz.

**\$3.99**  
Save at least \$3.00 on 1



**Our Family 9-Inch White Coated Paper Plates**  
100 ct.

**\$4.49**  
Save at least \$1.00 on 1



**Our Family Round Top Wheat Bread**  
20 oz.

**2/\$4**  
Save at least 58¢ on 2



Select Varieties  
**Post Cereal**  
Honey Bunches of Oats or Raisin Bran  
11 - 16.6 oz.

**2/\$6**  
Save at least \$3.48 on 2



Select Varieties  
**Nature Valley Granola Bars or Biscuits**  
5 - 12 ct.

**2/\$6**  
Save at least \$3.48 on 2



**Our Family Purified Water**  
32 pk. btl.

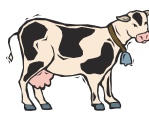
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Save at least \$2.00 on 1



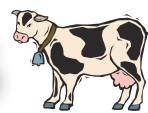
**Our Family Select-A-Size White Paper Towels**  
6 ct. ultra big roll

**\$7.99**  
Save at least \$2.00 on 1





# dairy savings - dairy savings



Our Family  
2% Milk  
gallon

**2/\$7**

Save at least  
48¢ on 2



Select Varieties

**Pillsbury  
Ready to Bake  
Cookie Dough**  
16 - 16.5 oz.

**2/\$6**

Save at least  
\$4.48 on 2



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Cottage Cheese,  
French Onion Dip  
or Sour Cream**  
16 oz.

**2/\$4**

Save at least  
48¢ on 2



Select Varieties  
**Tropicana  
Premium  
Refreshers**  
46 oz.

**2/\$6**

Save at least  
\$1.58 on 2



Select Varieties  
**Dutch Farms  
Bagels**  
14 oz.

**2/\$3**

Save at least  
\$1.00 on 2



**Milo's  
Tea**  
Famous Sweet, Unsweet  
or Zero Calorie Sweet  
gallon

**\$3.99**

Save at least  
20¢ on 1



**Kraft  
Mozzarella  
String Cheese**  
12 oz.

**\$4.99**

Save at least  
\$1.40 on 1



**Dutch Farms  
Cream Cheese**  
Regular or Life  
8 oz.

**2/\$4**

Save at least  
\$1.48 on 2



## frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties  
**Edy's  
Ice Cream**  
Grand Classic, Slow Churned Light  
or Slow Churned No Sugar Added, 1.5 qt.

**\$5.99**

Save at least  
\$2.00 on 1



Select Varieties  
**Hershey's  
Syrups**  
22 - 24 oz.

**2/\$7**



Select Varieties  
**California Pizza Kitchen  
12-Inch Thin Crust Pizza**  
(13.5 - 15.5 oz.) or **DiGiorno Pizza**  
Detroit Style (20.9 - 22.3 oz.), Hand Tossed  
(17.3 - 18.9 oz.), Classic (19.1 oz.), 12-Inch  
Original Rising Crust (24.6 - 29.3 oz.), Thin Pizza  
(20.6 - 21.9 oz.) or Croissant (22.5 - 23.5 oz.)

**2/\$14**

Save at least  
\$5.48 on 2



Select Varieties  
**Nestlé  
Drumsticks**  
(8 ct.), Li'l Drums (12 ct.),  
Mini Cones (20 ct.) or Toll House  
Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwiches  
(7 ct.)

**\$7.99**

Save at least  
\$2.00 on 1



Select Varieties  
**Edy's  
Outshine  
Bars**  
6 ct.

**\$4.99**



Select Varieties  
**Jimmy Dean  
Frozen Breakfast**  
12.8 - 18.8 oz.

**\$6.99**

Save at least  
\$1.00 on 1



Select Varieties  
**Tyson  
Chicken**  
23 - 32 oz.

**\$5.99**

Save at least  
\$2.00 on 1



Select Varieties  
**Country Fresh  
Novelties**  
Bars or Ice Cream  
Sandwiches, 6 ct.

**2/\$6**

Save at least  
\$3.48 on 2



Select Varieties  
**Our Family  
Onion Rings  
or Potatoes**  
16 - 32 oz.

**\$3.99**

Save at least  
60¢ on 1



Select Varieties  
**Marie Callender's  
Pot Pies**  
15 oz.

**\$3.99**

Save at least  
\$1.50 on 1



## health & beauty and general merchandise

**Paws  
Happy Life.**

**Paws  
Litter Scoop**  
each

**2/\$3**



**\$2.99**

**Paws  
Natural Pork  
6-Inch Femur**  
each

**2/\$8**



**2/\$7**

**Paws  
6-Inch  
Rawhide Bone**  
each

**Paws  
Rawhide  
9-Inch Rolls**  
2 ct.

**\$5.99**



**Paws  
Natural  
Pig Ear**  
each

**\$2.99**

Select Varieties  
**Colgate**  
Mouthwash (33.8 oz.),  
360 Advanced Optic White  
Toothbrush (1 ct.), Kids Power  
Toothbrush Minions or Sonic (1 ct.),  
Hello Fluoride Free Antiplaque  
Whitening Toothpaste (4.7 oz.),  
Charcoal Toothpaste (4.6 oz.) or  
Total Toothpaste (5.1 oz.)

**\$4.99**

Select Varieties  
**Old Spice  
Body Wash**  
18 oz.



**\$7.49**

Select Varieties  
**Secret  
Invisible Solid  
Deodorant**, 2.6 - 2.7 oz.



**2/\$10**

**Pepsodent  
Cavity Protection  
Toothpaste**  
5.5 oz.



**2/\$3**

**TopCare  
Ibuprofen**  
Original or Brown  
50 ct. caplets or tablets

**\$3.99**

**TopCare  
Extra Strength or  
PM Non-Asprin**  
50 ct. caplets

**\$3.99**

**TopCare  
Rapid Release  
Pain Relief**  
50 ct. gelscaps

**\$4.99**

**TopCare  
Clearlax**  
8.3 oz.

**\$7.99**

Select Varieties  
**TopCare  
Fiber Laxative**  
Powder (30.4 oz.) or  
Caplets (90 - 160 ct.)

**\$10.99**

**TopCare  
Cold Max Daytime**  
(24 ct. caplets), Cold Max  
Nighttime (24 ct. clear caplets) or  
Cold Max Day + Night (20 ct.)

**\$2.99**



**Simply Done  
Batteries**  
C or D (4 ct.),  
AA or AAA (8 ct.)  
or 9V (2 ct.)

**\$6.99**



**Energizer  
Max  
Batteries**  
AA or AAA  
4 ct.

**\$6.99**

Select Varieties  
**Head &  
Shoulders**  
2-in-1,  
Shampoo or  
Conditioner  
12.5 oz.



**\$6.99**



Select Varieties  
**Always  
Ultra or  
Maxi Pads**  
24 - 40 ct.

**\$7.99**



Select Varieties  
**Always  
Discreet  
Pads**  
12 - 66 ct.

**\$15.99**



Select Varieties  
**Vaseline  
Lotion**  
10 oz.

**2/\$8**



Select Varieties  
**Listerine  
Mouthwash**  
500 ml

**\$6.99**



Select Varieties  
**Crest  
Toothpaste**  
4.6 - 5.7 oz.

**\$1.99**



Select Varieties  
**Herbal Essences  
Mousse, Hair Spray,  
Detangling Spray,  
Shampoo or Conditioner**  
6 - 11.7 oz.

**\$4.99**

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